# firemen's strike beaten by 14 to 1

The executive of the Fire Brigades Union yesterday rejected by 14 votes to one a call by moderates for a special delegate conference aimed at calling off the firemen's strike. The union will meet the Government and employers, probably on Tuesday, for the first tripartite talks since the strike began.

# First tripartite talks planned next week

gate conference.

He said afterwards that he

be a unilateral remm to work

among members in the South-east. "I am fairly confident that I can convince the mem-bers that it is important to con-tinue the strike", he said.

Many executive members

were clearly angered by earlier remarks in which he said he would find it difficult to prevent a drift back to work unless the delegate conference was recalled.

The call for a reconvened

TUC conference was put to the

FBU executive meeting by Mr John Lewis, the London fire-

men's leader. The union wants the congress to reaffirm a com-

posite motion approved in September calling for an immediate

return to free collective bargain-

ing. Mr Lewis said yesterday that he believed the general

council was wrong in not sup-porting the FBU in a campaign

against the 10 per cent guide-

The TUC General Council

next meets on January 25, It

will consider a request from Mr

Parry, who is a member of the council, to recall congress. Among his supporters will be

the train drivers, musicians,

tobacco workers, teachers, white-collar engineering workers, and the Association of the A

Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary

will meet Mr Parry today for a report of the executive meeting. He said last night: "Since the

every suggestion that has been

made, and in view of the fact that the strike has been going

on for seven weeks, we must take the tripartite meeting seriously."

Nobody is pinning much hope on next week's talks. The Gov-arment has shown no sign of yielding on the 10 per cent ruling and there is no indica-tion of a substantial shift of

ground by the union.

employers have followed

that the strike is still solid. Mr David Shephard, who repre-sents 3,000 firemen in the South-east, was the only one of The Fire Erigades Union executive voted 14 to one yes-terday against recalling the national delegate conference that alone can end the firemen's the 16 executive members who voted yesterday to recall a deleseven-week strike. One executive member was absent.

The union will ask the TUC General Council to convene a congress to classifinge the way the Government is interpreting the TUC's policy for an orderly return to free collective bargaining. Leaders of the FBU are heartened by the narrow margin of 20 votes to 17 by which the general council rejected a call for a national cam-paign against the Cabiner's policy for limiting earnings increases to a tenth.

The union is to meet the Government and the local authority employers, probably on Tuesday, for the first tripar-tite talks since the stoppage began. It will reassert its willingness to forgo the employers offer for a reduced working week from next Novem-ber in return for more money now. In any case, the union believes it would be virtually impossible, because of training difficulties, to increase manpower by the necessary five thousand men in time.

The original target for a pay rise of three tenths remains on the table but in the face of the Government's determination and the TUC's unwillingness to support the men, the figure is regarded as

The union will be looking for

some movement from the genial Staffs.
employers and the Government Mr Brian Ru
on the timing of an award of the employ which has been offered. That would give firemen a two-stage increase in 1978 and 1979, to take their pay up to the average skilled industrial worker's wage. Mr Terence Party, FBU reneral secretary, said after the seven-hour executive meeting in London last night: "We do not want to prolong the strike any longer than it has to be. The best step now is to get in the same room as the Government, and the employers ment and the employers. Although constitutionally the Government is not involved in local authority negotiations, it

is never far away. Reports from the union's 14 regions yesterday left no doubt

# stage of pay policy By Michael Hatfield

It was being emphasized last

A hint of what the Government has in mind is given by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, in an interview in the latest issue of Socialist Commentary. He states that the Government has a duty to give "the country some iden of the aggregate increase in earnings compatible with growth and keeping inflation under control

"What would be desirable would be that the unions and

Mr Healey said he would welcome talks within the unions and the employers' organizations on the best way for Britain to tackle the matter.

pay round.

yet see eye to eye on whether there should be a phase four, although the Prime Minister has made it known publicly that he is antipathetic to free collective bargaining.

While a further phase is expected, the argument among Cabinet ministers will revolve round its nature. Mr Healey, in his interview, states: "More and more people are coming to realize that no government can avoid having an incomes policy so far as its own employees are concerned.

" It must have an attitude about what is the appropriate level of wage increases in the various parts of the public sector where master. But, of course, to have a pay policy for the public sec-tor and a free-for-all in the pri-

On the firemen's case, Mr Healey says that what the Government had offered would be based on a form of comparability, and that could be so in many parts of the public sector "To the extent that this is becoming inevitable; it is mov-

Cabinet ministers will begin the new year with early discussions among themselves about the next stage of pay policy after the ending of phase three and the 12-month

night that no conclusions are likely until March at the earliest, after which formal discussions with the unions will have to be opened.

would be that the unions and employers negociated within that aggregate on the distribution of increases." The Governments of West Germany, Austria and some Scandinavian countries took that general view although they differed on implementation, he said.

The Government cannot move

too early on the next stage of pay policy because that might initiate unacceptable wage demands, which are still being negotiated under the present phase. For that reason there-have been only informal discussions inside the Cabiner's econo mic strategy committee. They are likely to continue for some weeks as it monitors the present

Cabinet ministers do not as

vate sector can be very unfair to the public sector."

of a substantial shift of d by the union.

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# Peace move in Healey hint | Mr Callaghan considers new plan for Treasury's role on next | By Peter Hennessy | Their solution

solve the year long debate about the future of the Treasury and the Civil Service Department. Mr Callaghan is attracted by the possibility of linking the two ministries through a com-· Such a more would achieve many of his objectives without incurring the disruption the Prime Minister is at pains to

election. The concept of a Treasury-CSD "condominium", as it is known in Whitehall, is a late addition to the options put before Mr Callachen by his officials as he considers what reply to make to a report on the Civil Service published in September by the Commons Select Committee on Expendi-

avoid in the run up to a general

the scheme, Sir Ian Bancroft, as Head of the Home Civil Service, would retain his own bility for running the Civil Serwice and making senior appointments. Similarly, Sir Douglas Wass, as Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, would remain the official primerily respon-

The Prime Minister is con. A new plan to link the Treasury sidering a plan that could re with the Civil Service Department in:a " condominium " has been put to the Prime Minister. Under it Sir Douglas Wass (left) would remain responsible for overall management of the economy and Sir Ian Bancroft (right) would run the Civil Service and make senior appointments. There would be a greater exchange of staff between the two departments

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> There would, however, be a greater exchange of staff be-

tween the two departments and closer cooperation over policy making in areas of joint concern. In particular, Treas musing ement of public spending would be linked more closely with CSD control of manpower. Cooperation would also extend to other areas, such as Civil Service pay and management Mr Callaghan has been con-

cerned with the CSD's lack of impact in Whitehall, a defici-

ency for which it was also criticized by the expenditure commitree. He is thought to believe that a closer liaison with the Treasury, and an infusion of Treasury staff, would buttress its influence in dealing with

other departments.

The two ministries, if the scheme was adopted, would have a joint strength of 6,288 nare a joint strength of 6,288 officials; 1,143 drawn from the Treasury and 5,145 from the CSD. A deputy secretary would probably be appointed to lead a common establishment division. Sir Ian and Sir Douglas,

was split with the foundation of the CSD in 1968, would become involved in the day to-day running of the new errange-ment only in cases of excep-tional difficulty.

The "common approach to departmental management was invented in March, 1974, by Sir Antony Part and Mr Douglas Lovelock when they were instructed by the incoming Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson, to break up the huge Department of Trade and

Their solution of a joint establishments organization has had its critics. It has sometimes proved difficult, for example, to find agreement, especially over questions of to which ministry the best people should he appointed.

A Treasury-CSD condominium however, would meet with rela-tively little resistance among top officials and ministers in top officials and ministers in Great George Street, unlike some previously canvassed options. Mr Healey, the Chancellor, made clear last spring, for example, that he would abhor any move to take away the Treasury's general expenditure divisions and merge tivan with the manpower side of the CSD in a new department of management and ment of management and Budget.

Sir Douglas Wass was equally opposed to the Treasury's reabsorbing the functions it lost in 1968.

The Prime Minister is most unlikely to make any fundamental change in the shape of the central departments. In a White Paper, expected in February, he is thought likely to choose either the status quo or the partial, it significant, reform of a Treasury-CSD condensition

# US rebuff to **Palestine** state annoys Mr Sadat

By Our Foreign Staff President Sadat said yester day that he was "disappointed" with President Carter's statement on Wednesday night, indicating that he preferred limited autonomy for the West Eank along the lines suggested by the Israelis rather than the creation of a separate Palestinian state, demanded by Egypt and other Arab countries.

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said that Mr Carter's remarks would help the negotia-tions for a Middle East peace settlement and that the Israelis felt a Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan would threaten their security. The Israeli peace plan, disclosed to the Knesset on Wednesday, offers limited self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. and Gaza Strip.

In an interview with television network correspondents broadcast in the United States late on Wednesday night, Mr Carter said that Mr Begin had taken a "long step forward" in offering self-rule to the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank and had shown a "great deal of desibility" in reaching 2

Both Mr Begin and President for their "bold and courageouse" actions in seeking an overall peace settlement, he said. Even though there were still disagreements there was no reason to be discouraged about the outlook for further negotia-

The American role in the peace process was to be supportive, Mr Carter said, to try to resolve difficulties when to resolve difficulties when they arose and to give advice and counsel when it was requested. The progress that had been made in recent weeks was "remarkable" and was greater than even he had anticipated.

Asked how he thought Palestinian demands for rights on the West Back should be met.

the West Bank should be met, Mr Carter repeated his own preference, for a Palestinian homeland or entity, probably linked to Jordan, rather than an independent nation. "My personal preference is that permanent peace can best be main-tained if there is not a fairly radical new independent nation in the heart of the Middle East-

ern area." He believed there was considerable room for bargaining by President Sadat within Mr by President Sanat within Mr Begin's tentative proposals for the West Bank. The number of Israeli' military outposts, the length of time the initial agree-ment would be in force and the exact relationship of the West Bank towards Israel and Jordan were all open to discussion.

The President said that dur

the Freshort said that curing his current overseas trip
he would be exploring with
King Husain the role Jordan
was willing to play in a peace
settlement. Although Jordan
was not yet participating in the Continued on page 4, col 4



New Year Tour: President Carter waving good-bye as he sets off for Poland on the first leg of his nine-day trip. On arrival in Warsaw yesterday he was welcomed by Mr Gierek, the Polish Communist leader. He will then travel on to Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium in Warsaw, Poland's dissident Public Self-Defence Committee issued a statement saying it welcomed Mr Carter's visit because of the President's support for human and civil rights.

"Your stand in this question has especially great, significance for us, who speak out in defence of these rights in Poland", the state-

Meanwhile, security has been increased in Teheran after a bomb explosion damaged the Iran-America Society's language coaching centre. | ance. When taked to comment Three people were said to be injured in the on the talks, he said: "Fine.

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Beaches polluted

of supertankers

Port Elizabeth, Dec 29.—The worst oil pollution ever known off the South African coastline has hir beaches and destroyed

marine life up to 250 miles west

of here as a result of the collision on December 16 be-

tween the two American-owned supertankers, Venoil and Ven-

Det. Government pollution experts

today flew along the coast to examine a slick several miles long lying just beyond the Cape beaches.—Agence France-

by collision

# Finns buy UK planes in £100m barter deal

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

In one of the most unusual deals in the history of the British aircraft industry, British Aerospace yesterday British Aerospace yesterday sold 50 Hawk trainer aircraft worth £100m to Fiuland and undertook to market Finnish products to a similar amount.

British Aerospace has in fact already placed some £30m worth of the offset goods, which include vodka, earthmoving equipment and moving equipment and liquorice sweets, and expects to move the lot within three

years.
The goods are being sold through British Aerospace sales offices around the world. Shifting goods from Finland is now the second highest priority when our salesmen go out to meet customers an aircraft industry executive said yesterday.

yesterday.

It is expected that most of the offset goods will be sold abroad. They are already finding enthusiastic buyers in North America, but will also find their way to countries where Finnish salesmen have seldom penetrated in the past.

In addition to the items mentioned, the long list includes timber trade machinery and wood products, gliders, ear protectors, television sets, copper and zinc and prefabricated housing.

The offset deal was an

by the Finns of a British air-craft rather than its four major rivals, the Alpha Jet developed by France and West Germany, the Saab 105 from Sweden, the Italian Macchi 339, and the L39

Italian Macchi 339, and the L39 from Czechoslovakia.

But the Hawk, a two-seater trainer powered by one Rolls-Royce/Turbomeca Adour jet engine, also sold in its own right on the experience of service wish the Royal Air Force, which is buying 175.

The Hawk was developed by Hawker Siddeley, now part of British Aerospace, and made its maiden flight in August, 1974.

The Finnish Hawks will be manufactured at Kingston and Dunsfold, Surrey, Brough, Yorkshire, and Hamble, Hampshire.

As part of the deal agreed by

As part of the deal agreed by the Finnish cabinet, the Finns will learn how to make the air-craft and the final 46 will be assembled in their country. The Finnish aircraft industry

The Finnish aircraft industry will also manufacture parts for the Adour engine, and electronic equipment. The engine part of the deal is worth £24m.

Mr C. M. Chandler, managing director of the Kingston-Brough division of British Aerospace, said yesterday: "We approached the Finnish market with a single-minded endeavour to succeed. We were fully conscious of the significance of success in other potential markets, and this was reflected in the level of effort invested important factor in the choice in capturing the order."

# Deadlock in Salisbury on votes for whites

From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Dec 29

The resumed settlement talks ended in dead-lock in Salisbury tonight after three and a quarter hours of hard bargaining. The Rhodesian Government and the African nationalist delegates cannot agree on the proportion of white representation in a future parliament under a majority rule government.

When asked after meeting whether the positions of the opposing sides could be reconciled, Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, said: "It is always possible to overcome problems.
That is what we have, a problem. We must go on until we overcome it"

Asked how long this would take, he replied: "It might be over in one day. It might be over in one year."

Mr Smith looked somewhat dejected whereas the Rev Ndchaning Sithole, leader of a

faction of the African National Council—known as the ANC (Sithole)—fairly beamed assur-ance. When taked to comment we are having a good go. We are satisfied with the progress." A source close to the talks aid that today's meeting was held once again in a cordial atmosphere but the talks had reached a "sticky" stage.

It is understood that Mr Smith is bolding out for a third of parliamentary seats to be re-served for whites to give them a blocking mechanism when it comes to voting on constitutional issues. The ANC (Sixhole) wants white representation to wants with the representation to be restricted to a fifth of the seats. The United African National Council, led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, is said to accept the Government's de-mand for a third of the seats but rejects Mr Smith's idea of separate voters' rolls. Mr Sithole has no objection

to separate rolls. The talks resume on Tuesday.

# Crashes rise at 'mini' roundabouts

By Our Motoring Correspondent The conversion from large to "mini" roundabouts at road junctions has almost doubled the number of accidents, according to a report by the govern-ment-supported Transport and Road Research Laboratory. At roundabouts where the size of the central island has

been drastically reduced all accidents increased by 91 per cent, and those involving fatal and serious injuries by 200 per The report says the figures emphasize the need for care in

converting the old-style round-

about. In particular, crossing movements must be adequately deflected. The report observes that present design recommendations lay down criteria for achieving that. But where mini roundabouts have been introduced at junc-tions previously controlled either by the road priority or by traffic lights, accidents have

been markedly reduced. At junctions where mini roundabouts have replaced traffic lights fatal and serious eccidents fell by 62 per cent. At sites formerly subject to priority control there was a 34 per cent drop in all accidents and a 46 per cent reduction in those involving faral and serious

# Laser lighting

The pinnacle above Big Ben will be illuminated by a green ergon gas laser beam between dusk and 11 pm during the re-mainder of the Christmas recess, beginning tomorrow, the Department of the Environment announced vesterday.

# Sinn Fein raided

Police raided the headquar-Fein in Falls Road, Belfast. sesterday, and acrested two men. Files, papers and a telex machine were seized from the headquerters less than two

weeks ago.
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# Loser in Scottish miners' ballot resigns position

Mr David Bolton, one of the defeated cardidates in the recent ballot for the general secretaryship of the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers, has resigned as area vice-president, it was disclosed yesterday. He is to complain to Mr Michael McGabey, the president, about the way the election was conducted.

which the election was carried out, although fam not prepared to any more on this at this stage, he said.

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the winner was Mr Eric Clarke, a Labour councillor on Lothisa Regional Council. He received 1,100 more votes than Mr Bolton.

Mr Bolton.
Mr Bolton said vesterday that since 1975 a campaign had been waged against him by other members of the Scottish leadership, and that he had been ostracized by them.

"One of the resone I am "One of the reasons I am sente resigning is the method in soon,

EEC to publish

Minimum prices for some 140 steel

imports into the European Community

mports into the European community will be announced today. It is believed they will be on average about 7 per cent below the Community's internal

guideline prices. Steel companies will be prohibited from aligning prices on

cheaper imports, although the competi-tive edge of foreign suppliers will be less keen than in recent months Page 15

Korchnoi ultimatum

Viktor Korchnoi, the self-exiled Russian

grandmaster, threstened to withdraw from his world chess chempionship qualifying match against Boris Spassky unless spectators were excluded Page 4

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conserva-tive spokesman on education, says

schools need firmer discipline and

higher moral standards to provide for a modern industrial society. Page 2

School discipline

floor prices on

steel imports

death earlier this year, had given their support to other

candidates.

More than a thousand miners at Solsgirth colliery, near Dunfermline, Fife, commued their overtime ban yesterday in pursuit of a local productivity

A pention signed by 35,000 people against coal board plans to mine in the Vale of Belvoir, Nottinghamshire, will be presented to the Prime Minister

# Malta letter bomb

of Fed appointment The dollar lost ground on foreign ex-changes yesterday as dealers reacted to the news that Mr William Miller is to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at the end of January. Sterling continued to climb, reaching \$1.9275 at one time Page 15

# Paris 'vote rigging

Dollar falls on news

M Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, has accused the Government of attempting to rig the votes of French-men resident abroad. He claims that the blank postal proxy votes of Frenchmen living in Gabon have been handed to a pro-Government organization Page 3

#### 'Paper tiger' survives The Equal Opportunities Commission, set up two years ago, has survived some sharp criticism. It has a promising record of achievement on behalf of women despite a gibe about being a Page 3 paper tiger

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# kills schoolgirl

The daughter of a doctor has been killed and his wife and son have been injured by a letter bomb in Malta. Dr Edwin Grech's daughter, Karen, was home for Christmas from her school in England. A letter bomb was also sent to another doctor but it did not explode 2

Food: The British herring catch this year was the lowest this century; the price was the highest

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# Better teacher training needed in fight for firmer discipline in schools, Tory spokesman says

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Firmer discipline a d higher moral standards are needed in schools oécause we are not producing the sort of standards needed for a modern industrial society, Mr Norman Sr John-Conservative spokesman on education, said yesterday.

He told the annual conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers in Birming-"I am not advocating a return to Dotheboys Hall or a general increase in the use of corporal punishment in schools; but some action has to be taken very soon if we are to halt the problems of indiscipline, truancy and vandalism that may our schools. The action of a minority can destroy the whole atmosphere of discipline for the rest."

An education welfare officer secondary schools, he said. He also advocated help by people in the community. Truant children tended to use shops and cafes, and he suggested that those who ran such estab-lishments should not serve children in school hours.

On corporal punishment, he On balance, I think ther local authorities and head teachers should retain their discretionary powers, but I think corporal punishment

It has been said recently that life in some schools resembled trench warfare. From being terrorists in Victorian days, teachers had in many cases become the terrorized. The fight to improve discipline should start by looking to teacher training in the surviving colleges of education, in university education departments and in the schools.

While it was true that maintenance of order had as much to do with character as tech-

control of a classroom. It was wrong to denounce teachers for not keeping order if they had not been properly trained.

in the colleges and university departments courses should lay less emphasis on education theories and be seared more to practical training in good teaching methods and the maintenance of discipline. It was clear from experience in the colleges that many lecturers in education were either unable or unwilling to impart that kind of training. There should be much closer liaison between schools and teacher training establishments.

Good practising teachers should be allowed to take a should be allowed to take a term or a year off to teach in colleges; college lecturers should be required to return to school teaching at regular intervals or, better still, divide their week between school and college. During the probationary year it would be helpful if each young teacher was attached to an older colleague

for help and guidance. In-service training could also be a great belo to teachers who disciplinary difficulties. Many who were worn down by the daily battle to keep order welcomed new ideas and a

teachers from other schools. Closer cooperation must be should only be used as a last established between local edu-resort and its frequent use cation authorities, school and should be actively discouraged." home so that all pulled tocation authorities, school and home so that all pulled to-gether, "rather than conducting a tug of war, with teachers and children left in the middle".

Governing bodies and head teachers should give teachers clear guidelines so that they knew by whom, and on what occasions, sanctions could be used. Except in the most un-usual circumstances, head teachers and staff should be able to count on the full support of governing bodies and local education authorities in

nique, even the best natural Visits to local firms combined teacher would be helped by with short spells of work practical instruction in the experience and linked courses would all help to provide the missing sense of direction.

The decline in moral and religious education must be

It would be wrong, he said, to make television programmes the scapegoat for the decline he discipline in the home, and the responsibility of selection should be placed on parents. They were, however, entitled to the cooperation of the BBC and the IBA in the timing of pro-

Political needed examining to counter information from the extreme left and right. "We do need some kind of consensus to make sure we do not produce a generation of political illiter-ares", he said.

Professor Richard Whitfield, of Aston University, Birming-ham, said that a third of the teaching profession was now two-year trained and trainers were held in low esteem. Some thought many of them "laughable in their distance from the classroom ".

"Over-reacting": Mr St John Stevas's accusation of trench warfare in some schools was criticized later by Mr John Gray, president of the National Union of Teachers (the Press Association reports). He said Mr St. John-Stevas. was "over-reserving" to few incidents. It reacting " to a few incidents. It would be doing education and the schools a grave disservice if that was accepted as general.

In a few cases some teachers worried before they got to school, but that had always been so. To suggest that teachers were being terrorized was a gross distortion. He agreed that there should be closer links between schools

and colleges. Mr Mark Stedman, assistant secretary of the Assistant Masters Association, described Change to other industries pays off for city Mr St John-Stevas's reference to matters of discipline. trench warfare as "nothing Truants lacked motivation more than sensationalism".

The British steel industry faces a crisis brought about by overproduction throughout the world. Steelmaking areas face a bleak future as our own correspondents report

# Politics aggravate the | Time may have come crisis in Scotland

tonnes.

There are 21,500 Scots who earn their living directly from steel and many more individuals and companies who bene-fit from that west of Scotland giant which sprawls in a millscape of improbable chimneys, monstrous cylinders and fumes around Motherwell, Bellshill, Hamilton and Cambuslang; towns with an historic ring of steel about their names. They grew to rely on steel as other industrial areas relied on coal and shipbuilding. The steel-works became a natural part of many lives.

The industry now insists that that can no longer be. If steel is in crisis, so are the com-munities that rely on the industry, however much redun-dancy is cushioned by compen-

The unpalatable fact is that a streamlined and technically efficient steel industry, "lean and fir" as one manager put Party. The steel towns are it, means fewer jobs. In the Labour heartland and imporpast four years six of the old tant to the party's Scottish open-hearth steel plants have vote and its position at West-closed and the workforce has minster. The SNP has been been cut by 5,000.

Last year the British Steel plight of steel, suggesting a Communication of Steel suggesting a state of the steel suggesting and state of the steel suggesting a state of the steel suggesting as the steel suggestion as the steel suggestion suggestion as the steel suggestion as the steel suggestion as the steel suggestion as the steel suggestion suggestion as the steel suggestion suggestion as the steel suggestion suggestion sug

Corporation lost £50m north of "calculated, deliberate and the border, and to make the continuing rundown" huge investment in the Scottish division work more reduntion and the Government tish division work more redundancies are inevitable. The industry badly needs to move at least in the general

direction of profitability. Scot-tish steelmaking is receiving more than £450m in new equipment and plant and has won a much higher proportion of the United Kingdom investment spending than Scottish steel output has added to the United Kingdom tonnage.

# to drop old process The Scottish development programmė is well advanced

Cardiff

and centres on doubling the Professor Edward Nevin, professor of economics at University College, Swansca, capacity of the Ravenscraig works, Motherwell, to 3,200,000 declined recently to make the short journey from his home More than £150m has been spent on the ore terminal and to Port Talbot to take part in direct reduction plant at Huna radio broadcast with workers terston on the Clyde, which should be completed next on the future of steel. He did so he said, because he did not feel he would be able to hold a autumn. The industry is confident it will soon be in a posi-tion to produce high quality, rational discussion on a subject that is as emotive in Wales as competitively priced steel Unfortunately that will add

He probably took the right decision. His message to the to over-capacity and leaders of the industry doubt whether the predicted improvement in the workers of Port Talbot would have been as welcome as economy next year will help. Any marginal movement in the home market seems unlikely to bubonic plague.

Stated simply, Professor Nevin believes the time has come for Britain to consider seriously abandoning her role as a basic steelmaking country and to concentrate technology instead at the finishing end. Money earmarked for steel expansion could be regenerated to provide alternative jobs, he

In the immediate term Pro-fessor Nevin believes that the losses of the British Steel Corporation are so catastrophic that hard decisions must be made to shed labour. The industry, he states, is no longer credible for more than a mat-

He presses home his argument with the analogy of the decline of the Lancashire tex-tile industry. Basic cotton-making in Britain foundered before the

flood of good quality imports produced on ricebowl wages. Today, steelmakers in the have discovered that modern technology and overmanning with 100 few orders is the costwest face a similar threat as work in Wales increased from the Koreans and other new just over 34,000 in 1974 to producers begin to undercut 91,000 in November this year.

even the Japanese. It is an irony that some underdeveluped countries buy their tech-Corporation, but Mr Stecl Peter Allen, managing director of the Welsh division, defends the practice on the ground that if the corporation did not one of its competitors would. Port Talbot is still waiting to

hear whether at £835m development scheme designed to increase its capacity from three million tons a year to six milthis year the development seemed certain, but since March the huge over-capacity in the industry has caused the decision to be postponed.

Another factor in delaying the announcement was a strike by electricians that cost an estimated £27m and greatly contributed to the division's half-year losses of £80m.

A total of 69,000 people work in the iron and steel industry in Wales, about 56,000 of whom are employed by the corporation making it the biggest single employer in Wales. It will still be the big-gest employer if plans to reduce the workforce to about 40,000 by the early 1980s are

adhered to. From Llanwern in the east rrom Lianwern in the east to Port Talbot and beyond in the west, steel dominates the South Wales coastal strip. While Mr Michael Foot and

other Labour politicians do their best to lessen the effects on their constituencies, other political parties also say that economic measures must not be given absolute priority

ing 1,500 people have started In the Hartlepool area alone

male unemployment is 12.7 per cent. On Teesside the figure is

9.6 per cent. Including 1,501 women and girls, there are 5,041 unemployed in Hartlepool, equal to 11.5 per cent of the

working population and only

125 vacancies notified to employment and careers officers.

On the south side of the estu-

ary, at Redcar, a sinter plant

and coke ovens have been ready

since June, but troubles with

delayed operations.

Commissioning of plant at the

but the immediate future for

Hartlepool steelworkers looks

Brussels fixes prices, page 15

unions on manning levels have

# Liquidation decision confirmed for magazine

By Kenneth Gosling Creditors of the company that owns Studio International. the contemporary art magazine founded in 1893, which published its last issue in the spring, were told yesterday that it had lost advertisements because of the recession and had not regained them.

It was decided to appoint a liquidator for the main holding company. Studio International Publications, and two subsidiary companies, Studio International Journal and International Journal and Warehouse Publishing, effer the creditors had been told of liabilities totalling 2250,000.

Mr Michael Spens, who acquired the magazine in 1972. said a trust had been formed to publish one or two further issues so that the magazine could be sold as a going

"Once the magazine stops, for every issue that does not appear it diminishes in value and subscriptions tend to tail off, he added. The fact that subscriptions had held un reasonably well was an indicarion of confidence that the magazine would reappear, and the trust was ready to go to print with the next issue, the third prepared for this year.

The meeting was told that assets included 11,310 back issues of the magazine valued at £1 each, and books worth £850.

# **British players** do well in Hastings chess From Harry Golombak Chess Correspondent

Hastings
Although without their thric grandmasters, Miles, Keene and Stean, the British contingent wending remarkably well yesterday in the Premier chess tournament at Hastings.
Numn and Webb scored impressive victories in round two. Numn

at Hastings.

Nunn and Webb scored impressive victories in round two. Nunn outplayed Fedorowicz in a tariation of the Sicilian defence that resembled a line used in a well known game in the Spassky-Fischer match at Reykjatik in 1972. Webb won a beautiful game against Botterill and leads with two points.

Speciman soon had strong pressure against Tisdall and won nearly in 25 moves. Clashes between the grandmasters, Petrosian and Sveshnikov, and Tarjan against Hort, ended in draws.

Mestel adjourned against Dzindzihashvilt in a position where the Israeli grandmaster had an advantage, as Mestel was a pawn down without sufficient compensation.

Results in round two:

Drindzihashvilt and gaatmat Mestel. Petrosan is Sveshnikov is leader Fedorosate Q. Siman 1, Section cett. Petrosan is Sveshnikav is leadered for Fedorosate Q. Siman 1, Section on Manny Webb is Scalinsky is leadered for Start of Farmill Q. D. P. King's Indian det. Kagan had the bare.

Redcar complex, to cost £500m when finished, will go ahead in 1978 and jobs will become available from time to time, a bachelor, is leaving his form Mr Desmond Jeeves, aged 58, a bachelor, is leaving his four-hedroom house at North Farm, Stanton Fitzwerren, near Swindon, Wiltshire, roday because the London-based Sun Myung Moon Foundation, known as the Moon roundation, known as me Moon People, was granted possession of the house by December 31 in a county court case last June.

Caxton Hall closes

Caxton Hall register office. Westminster, famous for marstars and society personalities, closes today after 44 years.

Police hunt rapist A police hunt began yester-

day for a man who raped a girl aged 15 who had just finished her morning paper round at Frenchay. Bristol.

# of herring this century

From Our Own Correspondent

The British herring catch this year was the lowest of the century, but fetched the highest That was disclosed in Edinburgh yesterday by Dr W. L. Dean, chairman of the florring Industry Board. Landings at British ports were 42,000 tonnes compared with 00,000 tonnes from the Minch alone three years ago. Earnings rose to £12.5m, which had caused herring prices to be more than doubled.

There were signs of consumer resistance, he said, but the rise in price would probably continue until it reached the EEC level: Dutch and German housewives paid £1 for a large herring and thought it a delicacy well worth the

Dr Dean believed it unlikely that Britain would achieve a 50-mile exclusive fishing zone. She should press for a licensing system he said, the coastal state being responsible for licences to fish within its 200-mile sovereign boundary. The licences should cover method of fishing and mesh size of pets.

Officers at jail

to ban entry

of policemen

Officers at Parkhurst maximum security jail, Isle of Wight, have given unanimous hacking to their leaders in deciding to refuse to admit

policemen, civilian contractors and probation officers to the

They are acting in support of officers at Albany and Camp

Hill prisons on the Island in demanding three free ferry

passes for their cars and

families to the mainland each

Albany and Camp Hil

officers are also refusing to do

transfer will have to wait on

prison in the new year.

# Lowest catch Failure of city's £280,000 peak-hour traffic scheme

By Our Planning Reporter A widely publicized experimental peak-how traffic scheme in Nottingham failed to meet either of its two main objectives, a report published vesterday by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory concludes.
The scheme, introduced by

Nottinghamshire County Council in August, 1975, at a cost of £280,000, and discontinued a year later, was called the "70ne and collar" experiment. It sought to give buses priority over private cars by neans of selective traffic from autside the city to leave

Correspondent
Further government controls

on council spending would damage the local democratic

process, a report by the Char-tered Institute of Public Finance

and Accountancy argues.
It concludes: "We do not

think there is a need for a detailed scrutiny and control of

over 450 local authorities or of

composition of

spending."
Council spending must in

cycling than using local buses, according to a preliminary analysis of the Government's

national travel survey, which was conducted in 1975-76.

The analysis, published yes

accounted for 17.2 per cent of all journeys, against 16.3 per

excluding violent men from

shared homes. The power to

the courts by the Domestic and

Matrimonial Proceedings Act,

For the five months from

June to October this year, a

total 1,745 injunctions were

granted under the Act, exclud-

ing the male partner of a.

relationship from the home.

During the same period only

174 were refused, a tenth of

their

Councils 'need no new spending curbs'

with the Government's overall economic objectives but the

case for stronger central influ-ence had not been proved.

the Layfield report on local government finance, and, al-though accepting the need for

overall government control-says

ceeded in controlling its spend-ing within approved national

ence had not been proved.

The report considers the gate size of the public compared with the private sector; the second setting out the resources second setting out the resources second setting out the resources.

and transfer to coaches. Had it succeeded similar schemes might have been adopted by several other cities. But in its epitaph the laboratory observes that it had a negligible effect on traffic congestion, reduced bus journey times by less than a minute on average, increased private journey times by no more than a minute and a half, and produced no significant changes in travel habits.

Nottingham Zones and Collar Study—Overall Assessment Report 80: (Trarsport and Road Research Laboratory, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG11 6AU).

Not many years ago a world shump in steel would have spelt disaster for Sheffield and its satellite towns. Industrial diversification has paid off so that the present state of steel is

likely to affect only some of the jobs provided by the city.

The Sheffield division of the British Steel Corporation has skilfully and quietly managed its manpower affairs so that job losses are not immediately which is starting to commission. About a thousand jobs have been dispensed with in other areas of steel production through natural wastage, but the new stainless plant has

ing and presentation of the annual public expenditure White Papers should be on two

Macro-Economic Policy (Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy, 1 Buckingham Place, London, SWI, 52).

public agencies.

bers. There have been only a with the unemployment rate at 4.4 per cent in the Sheffield travel-to-work area, compared with a 6.1 per cent national average. Sheffield may be said to be fairly satisfactory as a place in which to work.

improve overall levels, mainly

because of the low profit mar-gins accepted on big export orders, which might be elim-inated by inflation.

inated by inflation.

In Scotland the difficulty is exacerbated for the Government by the Scotlish National Party. The steel towns are

strongly reject that, and point

to the huge investment made in the Scottish division, but

they are on the defensive.

itable, which may be paid for in Labour votes as steel joins

those other enterprises that

That is not the case at Bil-ston, near Wolverhampton, in the south of the Sheffield division, it seems possible that the works there will close in 1980. About 2,500 jobs are apparent among the 32,000 staft.

The division has been helped threatened and workers have because there is to be no curving in its capital spending happens including the £130m stainless steel plant at Sheffield, which is starting to commission.

British Steel has made clear that no closure decision has that no closure decision has

The possibility of the works being taken over by a consor-tium of private steel companies

tion considers the plant out-dated. Wolverbampton has 6 per cent unemployment, slightly above the West Midlands average of 5.5 per cent. With 8,444 out of work, another 2,500 would be a calamity. The Scunthorpe division can

match its productivity rate against that of most European countries and an important contributor to that is its manpower policy. As its new plant has built

up around longer established works about three thousand people have been shed through natural wastage and retraining, but redundancies are un-

One of the North's most everely affected areas is Hartlepool, in the Teesside division. Steelmaking there was suspended on December 10 and a few days ago primary rolling was

By Hugh Clayton register of ownership.

The Government has begun to The pattern of ownership is pursue some of the most in so finely interwoven with parteresting and elusive informa nerships, leasebacks and com-

pany nomimes and subsidiaries that it is often almost imposto discover the real

The ministry has been encouraged in its quest by com-plaints about the lack of a public register from eminent bodies such as the Economic

Moon sets: Moon rises: 10.18 am 9.31 pm 9.31 pm

Lighting up: 4.30 pm to 7.36 am. High water: London Bridge, 4.23 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 4.47 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Avonmouth; 9.42 am, 12.5m (41.0ft); 10.4 pm, 12.3m (40.4ft). Dover, 1.24 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 1.43 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hull, 8.56 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 8.51 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Liverpool, 1.42 am, 8.5m (27.8ft) ; 1.52 pm, 8.7m

Porecasts for 6 am to midnight:

S Wales: Sunny spells, scattered showers; wind NW, fresh or strong; max-temp 7°C (45°F) Bast Anglia, Midlands: Suniv spells, scattered wintry showers; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, NW Central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ire-land: Sunny intervals, scattered winty showers, snow on hills; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

E, NE England. Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, snow un hills; wind NW. strong to gale; max temp 4°C (39°F). Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland. Orkney, Shetland: Showers of sleet and snow, heavy at times, bright intervals; wind NW, strong

to gale; max temp 3°C (37°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rain or sleet at times, occasional snow in N, chiefly on hills;

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzie ;

Sea passages: S North Sca Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong to gale; sea very rough.
Strait of Dover, English Channel
(E), St George's Channel; Wind
NW, Strong; sea rough.

## Yesterday

London: Temp man, 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (45°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humberty 5 pm. 79 per cent. Rain. 24 hr to 6 pm. a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm. 31. Bar, mean ser level, 6 pm, 1,012.7 millibars, falling, 1,012.7 millibars, falling, 29.52in.

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# Judges grant many orders to battered women

escort duty to mainland jails. cars has declined.

Some prisoners due for a Walking and cycling together

By Our Legal Correspondent Contrary to criticism recently expressed, judges are granting a high proportion of injunctions asked for by women who say they have been battered the men with whom they

Earlier this month the Legal

Action Group, a pressure and educational group with nearly four thousand members, mainly lawyers, said county court judges had shown themselves reluctant to make injunctions

the applications.

Restaurant fire charges | Quicker rail travel New high-speed trains, which will cut 40 minutes off the journey between Edinburgh and Mohammud Arshad, aged 28, the manager of an Indian restaurant in Stopleton Road, London, will be introduced next spring and before 1979 on by Eristol magistrates vester-day, accused of setting fire to the restaurant and killing six people. the Glasgow-London line, British Rail announced yester-

# computer results. The Government's own findings will be published next year. Yesterday's auglysis finds that the only form of public transport to show an overall increase in use since the previous government survey in 1972-73 is the works or school bus. Car-nwing households of motoring has risen half as fast again as the cost of travel bus. Car-owning households have caused that increase hecause use of buses for such

More Britons are walking or cent by bus. In Yorkshire and

rerday, was made by the British Road Federation from early computer results. The Governpublic transport fares. The cost by public transport, and the cost of goods generally.
Subsidies to public transport have trebled in real terms. Passengers have thus been custioned against the full in journeys by households without services. The federation said yester-day: "Against this background it might be expected that the

From Our Correspondent

Bristol police yesterday were

investigating incidents in which eight Service vehicles on

firefighting duty were tamp-ered with. Wheel nuts were loosened on five "Green God-

dess" appliances, a fount tender, a hose appliance and a Land-Rover used as a com-

mand vehicle.

An army engineer making a routine check yesterday at the Old Bristol Maternity Hospital emergency base at Redland, found that the vehicles wheel

nuts were loose. Police were

Patrols have been ordered to

keep watch for intruders at

firefighting bases, and extra

guards have been posted at the

Redland base, where 130 men

are stationed.
A fortnight ago wheel nuts

were loosened on an army

Bristol

mand vehicle.

Humberside walking accounted for a sixth of all journeys, com-pared with a tenth three years

pared with a tenth three years earlier.

Comparing changed travel patterns with those found in the 1972-73 survey, the federation's analysis indicates that in the period there was a 78 per cent rise in motoring costs and a 54 per cent rise in the cost of public transport fares. The cost crease in the cost of providing

Britons desert bus for bicycle long-term trend towards private transport at the expense of public transport might be slowed or halted. But in fact public transport has continued to lose against private transport like cars, motor cycles, bicycles and walking." All regions of Britain showed

a decline in use of public trans-Greater London made the big-

gest use of public transport. A tenth of all journeys there were by British Rail or London Transport. Underground, the highest rail use in the country.

The national average, which was inflated by the London figures, was about one trip in 40 by rail, against about one in 35 in the earlier survey. Scotland was the greatest user

Wheel nuts loosened on firefighting vehicles

breakdown vehicle and a crash

wagon at Bristol firefighting bases. A police vehicle was put out of action after its high leads had Mr Reginald Holmes, secretary of the Fire Brigades Union in Avon, said: "None of our personnel are near the emer-gency bases, and for any of them to do this sort of thing is

beyond all comprehension." Arson case: The Police said yesterday that evidence had been found that a fire that destroyed a striking fireman's house at Althorne, Essex, over the Christmas weekend, started deliberately (our Correspondent Chelmsford -

writes). Mr Allan Nicholson was on picket duty when fire swept his house. His wife and two children were with relatives. Leading article, page 13. | said to be not seriously hurt.

# Former chief of self-employed is found dead Mr. Norman Small, founder of the National Federation of Self-Employed, was found dead in a room at the Crescent Hotel, likiey, West Yorkshire,

The police said that a man would appear in court at Keighley today charged with murder.

Mr Small, aged 65, a retired army captain, of Heaton Moor, Stockport, founded the federa-tion in 1974 after becoming aware of growing discontent over issues such as value-added tax and other forms of taxation. Membership rose rapidly. A year later he resigned, because, he said, of ill health and because the organization which then had 42,000 members "lacked professionalism". .

## Woman's killer was on parole

Jack Stokes, aged 32, of Willington, Durham, killed a woman while on parole, the Home Office confirmed last night He is now serving a life sentence for the manslaughter of Mrs Beryl Mercieca, baving been paroled in June.

Durham Crown Court had jailed him for taking a mboor vehicle and being in breach of a suspended sentence. The leased "he had not killed anyone and the offences involved were not ones of violence".

Shipowner's suicide Mr Robert Nicholas Dalglish, aged 39, managing director of a Tyneside firm of shipowners, who was found dead in his car with a double barrel shotgun between his legs at Beal, Northumberland committed suicide a coroner decided vesterdav.

An eye for comedy The BBC said yesterday that the Morecambe and Wise tele-vision show on Christmes Day had 28 million viewers, compared with 10 million for the Muppers, independent televi-sion's biggest audience.

Ex-president hurt Mr Cearbhall O'Dalaigh, aged 66: former President of the Irish Republic, is in hospital after a fall in the grounds of

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# Government land search

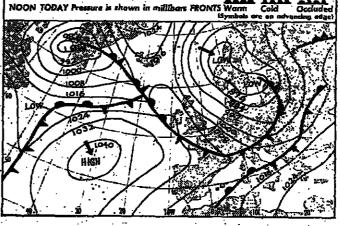
the land.

The Ministry of Agriculture, owner of a farm.

Fisheries and Food said yester day that it would start a pilot couraged in its of survey of Myra Royer Here.

ford and Worcester, on New public register from emit Year's Day. One obstacle in bodies such as the Econocreating farming policies is Development Committee that there is no central public Agriculture,

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today Last quarter: January 2.

A cold N'afratream covers the British Isles

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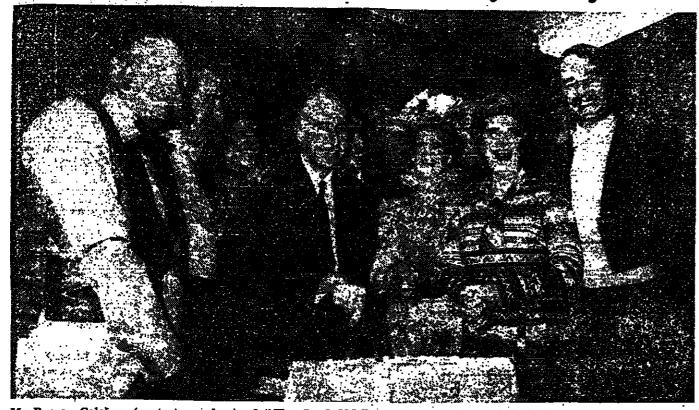
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'The Good Old Days' becomes longest-running light entertainment show

# Music-hall story starts on twenty-fifth year



Mr Barney Colehan (centre), producer of "The Good Old Days", and Mr Leonard Sachs (second left), its compere, celebrating its anniversary with Ken Dodd (fourth right), regular members of the cast, and Mr Colehan's secretary

By Kenneth Gosling Mr Barney Coleban will produce his 200th edition of The Good Old Days tomorrow after Match of the Day, Next month

he kunches the programme on its twenty-fifth year, the longest-running light entertain-ment show in the world, the BBC says.

Mr Colehan conceived the idea of presenting variety in a true music-hall setting at the City Varieties Theatre, Leeds, beginning with a production in 1952 called The Story of the Music-Hall, and following with a series in 1953 which has run without a break every winter.

without a break every winter since then. Where Chaplin, Dan Leno and Lify Langury once trod the boards, there appear before the cumeras and audience dressed

slapped man

An industrial tribunal in Bir-

gross misconduct for a woman to slap a man on the face. It

to stap a man on the face. It said yesterday that Mrs Florence Marshall, aged 54, a factory worker, was out of order when she slapped the man after she had lost her tem-

per with him.

The tribunal said her action was against the "charter for employees" operated by the company, BRD Company, of

Aldridge, Staffordshire. It agreed with the company that

misconduct and that the com-pany did not act unfairly in dismissing Mrs Marshall, or Walsall Road, Heath End,

Mr Stephen Eastwood, giving the tribunal decision in writing,

said that the man put down materials with which Mrs Mar-

shall had to work too far away

for her to reach and she shouted

Mr Eastwood said it was argued that the company had

not taken into account Mrs Mar-

shall's age and previous good

record, but violence among machinery in a crowded factory,

loses case

in period costume such modern artists as Ken Dodd, More-cambe and Wise (paid 25 guineas on their first appearance), Roy Castle and Dora

Bryan. Leonard Sachs links the acts chairman, as the alliterative chairman, having followed Don Gemmell

into the chair after the first couple of shows.

The purists will say there was never a chairman for Edwardian music-hall, "but we needed someone to link and introduce the acts", Mr Colehan says: The acts have changed but

stage, radio and television play-ing to not merely a few hun-dred people but millions, he

Woman who Terrorist tide has turned,

The change in security is

The change in security is noted in a new year message from Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to the people of the province yesterday. Bombings were down by three fifths, there were markedly fewer deaths, and a record number of people had been charged and convicted of serious crimes, he said.

"There can be no doubt that the tide has turned against the terrorist."

The Government had killed

The Government had killed for ever the myth of economic withdrawal. It was concerned with the quality of life and was determined that there could be

no second-class citizens.
"But," Mr Mason continued,

"this is not yet enough. The commission of crime is still a

major problem and its consequences afflict the community."

In the coming year he wished to see progress on economic and social welfare, security, and

the political situation.

Although he sensed no groundswell for change in the

political structures he recog-

might make people want more say in running their affairs. The pace of political change depended on their willingness

Belfast

Mr Mason tells Ulster

and it doesn't seem strange. It succeeds because you can put
Eartha in a setting with a sona
like 'I was a good little girl,
'til I met you' and it works."
Artists change, so do costs.
In the 1950s the whole show
could be done on a budget of could be done on a budget of £700, often less, and the artists collected less than £300 bethem, Today it costs

Ken Dodd made his first television appearance on the show in 1955, receiving £32 9s 4d. He is emphatic about the value of The Good Old Days at a time when theatres are closing up and down the

The theatre owners say they

to work together. He was no

The coming year would be

vital for Northern Ireland. He realized the risks of optimism but believed that many people were cautiously agreeing that the return to normality had

"We must now increase the momentum," he said. "We must

brighten up the whole pro-vince. We must restore its attraction for the businessman and for the tourist. Northern

the people of the province we are getting rid of the misery and unhappiness which has been

so much a part of life for far

They were in the kitchen Centre in Peter's Hill but no

will be devoted to it, t on, "But above all for

you are never going to get the artists. Where are they supposed to learn their trade? If the owners do not want them, Mr Dodd says, the theatres should be run by trusts, and that is an area where the Theatres Trust has already shown it will play an

important part.

He has played in 20 of the shows. "It is very like a pension scheme: I call it 'Barney's plan'."

Members of the audience are given a guide to what is required in the way of Edwardian costume when they get their tickets; some have waited four or five years to take part and ing to not merely a few hundred people but millions, he has an answer to that, too.

"I can now use people like It is the other way round: the programme going until 1987.

# In brief

## Man with garotte discharged

Skateboarders warned Ska eboarders in Sheffie'd face prosecution if the persis-

Publisher divorced

Belfast blasts: Two bombs exploded in a central Belfast shop at lunchtime yesterday (the Press Association reports).

one was hert.

The fire they started quickly took hold and burnt out the building. The bombs were planted by two youths, who ran out of the shop, shouting Lampreys return

reference Downey, aged 18, who said he carried a wire garotte in his trouser turn-up to protect himself and his family from his father, was conditionally discharged for a year at Thames Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Court, London, yesterday.

Mr Downey, unemployed, of
St Vincent Street, Poplar, had
been convicted of having the

tently defy police warnings to avoid pedestrian precincts and

The wife of Mr Anthony Francis John Crosthwaite-Eyre, aged 37, the publisher, was granted a decree nisi by con-sent in London yesterday.

Lamoreys have been reported in the Trent after an absence of sixty years near New-ark, Nottinghamshire.

# Equal Opportunities Commission survives criticism from left and right

# Solid achievements for women despite gibes

Commission came into being two years ago yesterday it has been assailed by the left for not doing enough and by the right

for existing at all.
Employers see it as the bureaucratic arm of unnecessery legislation and many Conservatives as a huge waste of taxpayers' money. Some would like to kill the 120-headed monster, which this year are

Critics on the left point out that the new Commission on Racial Equality has initiated as many formal investigations in its first six months as the other commission has in the past two

The opportunities commission was set up at the end of 1975 to monitor the equal pay and sex discrimination Acts, to work towards the elimination of discrimination and to promote equality of onportunity men and women

The main criticism levelled at it is that it has not made enough use of its statutory powers, particularly its power onduct formal investigations no businesses or organizations suggected of discriminating.

The two investigations it has set un, into Tameside education authority, Greater Manchester, by angry parents in the first case and by a High Court judge. Tameside parents complained

discrimination against girls, because one of the two local frammar schools offering places in 1976 was reserved for boys. It took the commission 14 anths to return a verdict of "ht guilty, on the ground that he Sex Discrimination Act "cluded single-sex schools. The trestigators could consider only the mixed grammar school, which we will be seen to be seen t ch that year took more girls

The investigation, however, Since the Equal Opportunities showed up the Act's weaknesses and at least one commissioner now feels that the Act needs strengthening on single-sex

The second investigation was The second investigation was wished on the commission by Mr Justice Philips, President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, who suggested it when the first of a series of cases against Electrolux came before him. The result of the Electrolux investigation is

One investigation and a half in two years is not an impres-sive total, but it should be remembered that the device of a formal investigation, under which the commissioners can call witnesses and issue noncall witnesses and issue nondiscrimination notices with the power of law, was new when the commission was established. The Commission on Racial Equality, in contrast, has been able to benefit from the other ssion's experience.

One school of thought among the 15 commissioners, moreover, prefers persuasion to compulsion and believes that steady work behind the scenes can be just as effective as open investigations

But that idea has wanted in the past few months and the commissioners recently decided and Electrolux Ltd of Luton, commissioners recently decided were more or less forced on it on four or five investigations a year, starting possibly with a look at credit facilities.

Some of the commission's most valuable work has been in giving legal advice and assistance to people who want to use the two Acts. It has helped 76 cases, including one that went to the House of Lords.

A body of case law has een developed which in lany instances has clarified many the meaning of the Acts. For example, the case of Mrs. State for Education and Science Catherine Roberts v the Cleve-

land Area Health Authority established that the Sex Dis-crimination Act did not make compulsory retirement of women at 60 unlawful, although men do not have to retire until

In monitoring the Acts the commission has found defects. Under the Equal Pay Act a woman cannot bring a case against her employer unless she can be compared with a man doing "like work". That presents a difficulty because so many women do all-female jobs.

The commission is also considering whether to recommend a new clause in the Equal Pay-Act outlawing indirect as well as direct discrimination. The Sex Discrimination Act has such a clause, which was used in the case of Price v the Civil Service Department.

Mrs Belinda Price won her claim that the Civil Services recruiting age limit of 28 in-directly discriminated against women because during their twenties women were busy hav-

Such a clause in the Equal Pay Act might affect company rules on pensions and other matters covered by an employee's contract that are not covered by the sister Act.

Apart from investigations,

legal case work and monitoring the Acts, the commission has submitted evidence to royal commissions on the health ser-vice and on income distribution and wealth and is about to subnut evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services. It has published proposals for reforming the tax laws, guidance for advertizers, and a consultative document on retire-

ment age. In May the commissioners discussed taxation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, They have mot the Secretary of several times to discuss disin the school curriculum and in education curs. The list does not satisfy the

The list does not satisfy the commission's critics, however, who feel that the commission is a paper tiger. The National Council for Civil Liberties would like a tongher artitude to employers who are evading the Acts, while Rights of Women, a collective of woman lawyers, would like the commission to make more noise, arguing that if its work came more into the if its work came more into the public eye more women would make use of the Acts.

Both groups would welcome

the appointment of some younger and more radical commissioners. Since the resigna-tion of Mrs Caroline Woodroffe. chairman of the Brook Advisory Centres, there has been no women commissioner under 40. Some potential commissioners

are discouraged by the commis sion's location in Manchester which is frustrating for those living in London. Two commis-sioners have left this year because they could not attend Staffing difficulties have

dogged the commission's his-tery; it had to regrate during the first six months without a chief executive and for the first year without a senior legal offi-cer. Some of the permanent resented the slowness with which the commissioners moved, while the commissioners were not always beppy with the staff's standard of work.

The situation appears to be improving. It is rumoured that the Home Office intends to appoint a tough young woman to replace Mrs Woodroffe; many of the staffing difficul-ties have been solved and some of the initial distrust between staff and commissioners has

disappeared.
Now that its inital difficulties are over, the poper tiger may become an animal of more WEST EUROPE

# Officials planning fraudulent use of postal votes by Frenchmen living abroad, M Mitterrand says

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 29

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist Party leader, bluntly accused the Government today of making preparations to rig the votes of about a million Frenchmen resident a broad. He claimed at a press conference that the documents already in the possession of his party made it possible to insti-tute proceedings against officials "guilty of electoral

Although at this stage docu-mentary evidence published in the press points to only one case of fraud, the affair shows signs of developing into a major political scandal. And, if othe reases are proven by the courts, they will cast suspicion on the results of the parlia-mentary elections next March. In many marginal constituencies the postal proxy votes of Frenchmen resident abroad could be decisive.

The Socialist leader read out the text of a written question to the Prime Minister asking for information about the steps taken by the Government to put and end to t his fraud, which he alleged was being which, he alleged, was being carried out under cover by the

French authorities.

He referred to a confidential telegram, published by the satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaîné, from the French Ambassador to Gabon to the dor to

Ministry at the

of this month, beginning of this mount, informing it of the arrival in Paris of a representative of French residents in the country bearing 1,650 blank postal

Sisters born in

concentration

camp reunited

From Our Correspondent Berlin, Dec 29 Two sisters born in 1940 and

1941 respectively and separated soon afterwards have found each

other with the help of the International Red Cross search service for missing persons. Both Frau Irmgard Marmaras

and Frau Gertrud Henning spent the past 30 years in the Cologue area without knowing of each other.

They were born in a concentration camp in East Prussia to which their parents had been sent for helping Jews. They here taken away from the parents and entrusted to different parents are the parents and entrusted to different parents and entrust parents are the entrust parents and entrust parents and entrust parents are the entrust parents and entrust parents and entrust parents are the entrust parents are the entrust parents and entrust parents are the entrust parents and entrust parents are the entrust parents and entrust parents are the entrust pare

ment des Français de l'Etranger a Gaullist organization; and of the dispatch a fortnight later of t wo other

batches of blank proxy votes.

"This is nothing more than
a racket". M Mitterrand
declared. "It involves the collection through the channel of lates aborad of blank proxy votes, and their distribution among the parties of the government majority and among those constituencies where the results of the municipal elections, last March, showed a parliamentary seat was threatened by the advance of

The trouble goes back to an The trouble goes back to an amendment of the electoral law last July, described by M Mitterrand as "pregnant with abuses", which eased the formalities of voting by proxy for Frenchmen resident abroad. Under the previous system, they could only vote by proxy in those municipalities where they were registered as voters through a locally registered voter. This provoked the complaint that Frenchmen abroad were treated as second class

Under the new law, they can register as a voter in any municipality with a population of over 30,000 and give their proxy vote to another person already registered in that municipality. But the number of such proxy votes is limited to two per cent of the total number of registered voters.

The publication of the telegram from the French Ambas-

Valletta, Dec 29

Letter bomb kills daughter

entire academic staff by the headquarters of a local Jewish Government as a result of industrial action by the Medical Association of Malta. The and Agence France-Presse.

of doctor in Malta

Flags were flying at halfmast

on Government buildings here today in mourning for a fifteen-year-old girl killed by a letter bomb.

The bomb was addressed to

Dr Edwin Grech, an obstetric-

ian. It exploded yesterday in the hands of his daughter,

Karen, who died soon after-wards. Her mother and her

brother, Kevin, aged 12, were injured. They were flown to

London, where the boy is to undergo plastic surgery.

Dr Grech, who came to Malta recently, was appointed sconsultant at Malta University after the suspension of almost the entire accordance staff by the

proxy votes destined for the sador in Libreville provoked an emburrassed reaction from the Quai d'Orsay, the French Ministery, vesterday, and ansizing that an official mission of investigation had already been sent out to Gabon-

The statement said the ministry was taking a very serious of the abuse of consular serious of the abuse of consular privileges through the issue of blank proxy votes. "Any irregularities that might have occurred in Gabon in no way justify doubt being cast on the neutrality of Foreign Ministry officials", it added.

M iMtterrand said the com-plete dossier on similar irregularities would be published by the Socialist Party after the closing of electoral registers on December 31.

But he recalled that M Gaston

But he recalled that M Gaston Defferre, the leader of the Socialist parliamentary party, had at the close of the parliamentary session protested against a circular sent by a government party to French residents in the Ivory Coast calling on them to "vote usefully". They were urged to register in a constituency of Marseilles, and oneof Montpellier, where the Socialist candidates were elected by margins of 1,600 and 900 votes respectively, and 900 votes respectively, and where postal proxy votes could easily tip the scales in favour of the Government Majority. The Socialist claim is not that the government parties canvass the votes of French residents abroad but that this is being done in favour of the mapority with the connivance of the French authorities, both abroad

doctor's strike has now lasted

Karen had returned home for

the Christmas holiday from her convent school in England.

Athens, Dec 29.—A letter bomb addressed to the Bulgarian consulate here went off in the hands of a postman. The letter was addressed to Mr Sergei Trochin, the Bulgarian Consul, and carried anticompunity slogans. Responsible.

communist slogans. Responsibi-lity for the attack was claimed

by an extreme right-wing group, the Greek National Socialist Organization, which had admitted responsibility for a series of letter bomb attacks

Among those sent bombs were the American Embassy, the

# France buys papers of Napoleon's brother

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 29

Archives have just acquired the private archives of Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain and brother of Napoleon, which were seized by British troops in the king's travelling carriage at the battle of Vitoria in

The archives were sold by the eighth Duke of Wellington to the French National Archives last month after negotiations lasting almost a year, for 1,100,000 francs (about £122,000).

King Joseph's archives have not been hitherto used by his-torians. They are expected to shed light on the government of Spain under Naopleon, on the relations between Napoleon and his brother, and on the peninsular war from the French standpoint as well as on the Kingdom of Naples, which Joseph Bonapurte ruled until 1808.

The collection consists of 37 box files captured at Vitoria, and a black canteen which contains letters from the king and other dignitaries to Napoleon, intercepted by the British forces or by Spanish insurgents and never read by the addressee. King Joseph took his archives with him when he travelled, regarding Madrid as

King Joseph, particularly in a letter dated 1813, is remarkably clear minded about the situation of the French in Spain. He states that if Madrid is lost, the whole ediface of French rule will collapse. He also expaniates on his difficulties with his marshals, especially Soult.

The collection includes also the rolls of the Grand Army in Spain, and a large number of documents on the financing of French troops. There are no diplomatic papers as King Joseph did not have a diplomacy of his own. Relations with foreign countries were run centrally from Paris.

## Belgian gang led by boy of eight

Liège, Dec 29.—Police have arrested a gang of seven boys aged eight to 15 who stole about 90,000 rancs (about £1,385) worth of toys and clothes. The gang leader, aged eight was parading through the town wearing a 27,000 francs fur coat and carrying two guns. Police said he was terrorizing his mates and forcing them to



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# Basques suspected of hijacking second van with explosives

Madrid, Dec 29

Basque extremists struck for a new phase of its campaign the second consecutive day directed against "all those today, bijacking a van contain-industrial and social centres."

Five armed men forced the driver today to stop on the crucial rime in the talks Santander to Bibbao road near between the Government and Gullarta. Most of the explosives were a type of nitroglycerine. The Besque separatist organization, ETA, has not claimed responsibility for either of the robberies, but the hijackings bore the halimarks of the group, which has recently increased its campaign of violence. Since November, ETA has claimed responsibility for three killings.

It was previously thought that only the military wing of ETA was taking an active part in the violence, but now it seems that its political military wing is also involved. ETA is known to be tightly knit, to have few militants, and to be poorly armed. This could explain the seizing of

Informaciones tonight quotes responsibility.-Reuter.

Vote for

death

# **Dr Soares** looking

penalty Madrid, Dec 29.—A proposal to abolish the death penalty in Spain was voted down in the Upper House of the Cortes.

The draft Bill to end capital punishment was defeated by 104 votes to 92 at the year-end session after being introduced by Socialists and Independents.

During the four-hour debate, Senor Landevino Lavilla Alsina, the Minister of Justice, argued against "began to belicion". against "basty aboltion". He said that it could increase the feeling that "some social sectors" had of being "unprotected".—Agence France-Presse.

## **British tourists** die in Belgian motorway crash

Antwerp, Dec 29.—Three young Britons were killed last night on the Brussels-Antwerp motorway. Belgian police said their car crashed into a con-

their car crastled into a con-crete lamp post
The three were Mrs Julie
Burton, of Upton Road,
Worthing, Miss Peta Corkett,
of Harlands Close, Haywards
Heath, Sussex, and Mr. Stephen
Glover, of Pasture Hill Road, Haywards Heath. All were aged 23. Mrs Burton's husband, Richard, is in hospital with serious injuries.

today, bijacking a van containing 600lb of explosives, after having yesterday seized one with 2,000lb. The robberies came at

Basque politicians over a degree of autonomy. Agreement was reached in November, but the Government claims that the parliamentarians of the ruling Democratic Centre Union in the province of Navarra, are not party to the agreement with the three strictly Basque provinces. The Government appears to be prepared to grant limited autonomy to the Basque country with a special status for Navarra

Barcelona, Dec 29 -A bomb damaged the law court build-ing in the Barcelona suburb of today. There were no casual-

Two small hombs went off outside the central law court explosives. in Barcelona, damaging
The Madrid newspaper windows No one has claimed

# for allies

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, Dec 29 Dr Mario Soares today began consultations on forming a new Portuguese government to suc-ceed the Socialist administra-tion which he beaded.

It is virtually certain that he will be successful only if he admits—even on a non-party basis—members of at least the Social Democratic and Christian Democratic parties to the Cabinet. The Communists have stated that they do not care whether they are in the Govern-

ment or not.
Dr Soares's first consultation Or Soares's first consultation today was with Dr Freitas do Amaral, the leader of the Christian Democrats. After a two-hour conversation, Dr Amaral stated that the new Government must be based on "personalities with the support of a parliamentary majority".

There were some points of There were some points of agreement between the Socialist

There were some points of agreement between the Socialist Party and his own, he said, but there were also disagreements. "We are trying to overcome these", he said. "I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I am a realist. We are making an effort on these points". His party would do all in its power to persuade the Social Democrats to collaborate. to persuade the Social Demo-crats to collaborate.

Dr Soares was also having talks today with Dr Al aro Cunhal, the Communist leader.

and Senhor Sousa Franco, of the Social Democrats.

versions will be available in

versions will be available in Britain early in the summer at a projected price of £18,750.

Prince Rainier of Monaco will present the prize at a ceremony in Monte Carlo on January 26. The choice of car of the year takes into considera-

tion safety, comfort, perform-ance, technical innovation and

value for money.
With 261 votes, the 928 was

followed by two other West German cars, the BMW 77 Series (231 votes) and the Ford

Granada (203). The Chrysler Rancho, a utility vehicle made



Porsche 928: first sports car to win the award.

# Porsche 928 voted car of the year

By Our Motoring

The Porsche 928 has been voted car of the year by an international jury of motoring writers. It is the first time since the creation of the award in 1962 that a sports car has been honoured.

The 928 has an eight-cylinder aluminium engine of 4.5 litres, giving a claimed top speed of 144 mph. Right-hand-drive

# in France, came fourth; another West German car, the Opel Rekord, was fifth and the Japanese Honda Accord sixth. No British cars were eligible for the award this year. to take power

San Marino, Dec 29.—San Marino's Communists tonight both countries.
The semi-official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines

The joint heads of state, two "captains-regent" who preside over the world's oldest republic, are likely to offer the Socialist Party a chance to form a goverement early in the new year. But an election, probably in March, seemed inevitable to end the political stalemate

## Italian crisis

Education Supplement today. new two-volume catalogue of Turner's pointings, Peter Nokes discusses sincerity in the social sciences, and the issue includes

## OVERSEAS.

# Oil cutbacks lie behind Mr Carter's tour

and of human rights". Earlier, Mr Carter had gone

to some lengths to explain the significance of the tour, which ouarters as something of a waste of time and effort. In an interview with four television network correspondents late last night the President said that discussion of American efforce to reduce its dependent. can efforts to reduce its depen-dence of oil imports would be "a tie that binds the trip

"We are the leader of the world", he said. "We are one of the major oil producers. We

ties of our country."

As might be expected from what amounted to an end-ofyear report on his Administration's first year in office, Mr Carter was in a reflective mood when he addressed the nation for a full hour from the Red Room of the White House through his journalist intermediaries.

diaries.

"If I have achieved anything", he said modestly, "it has been to restore a tone to our nation's life and attitude of what we stand for." Reflecting the hopes and the dreams of the American people was the accomplishment of which he was most proud, he added.

His hispest misrake had, per-

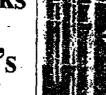
His biggest misrake had, perhaps, been to build the public's expectations of what was possible too high. "I dashed some hopes and disappointed some people who thought I might act quicker. I underestimated the difficulty and time required for congress to take action of

ful that his complex energy programme would be approved by Congress early in the new year. There had been what he called "private signs" from senators (whose failure to agree to continue limitations on natural gas price rises has been the main stumbling block to progress on the Bills) that compromise was emerging.

fication of the new draft Panama Canal treaties by the Senate, the tabling of a national health programme late in the year and further improvements in the American economy.

Once again the President expressed his optimism that the

United States and the Soviet Union would be able to reach a new agreement to limit strate-gic arms (the Salt negotiations) in the coming months. "My guess is that 1978 will see us



From David Cross Washington, Dec 29

President Carter left here today on the first leg of his second overseas tour since he took office nearly a year ago. His nine-day good-will trip, which will cover 18,000 miles, is taking him first to Poland, then to Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium.

Before leaving Washington under a clear but bitterly cold sky shortly after sunrise, he told reporters outside the White House that in all the places he visited he would be reaffirming "our dedication to peace and our support of justice

together.

are the greatest consumer and, until Congress does take action on the energy proposal that I pur forward last April that cloud will hang over the determination and leadership qualities of our country."

for Congress to take action on controversial measures." Nevertheless, he was hope-

In addition to the final approval of his energy programme, his other priorities for the coming year were the rati-

successful and my guess is that successful and my guess is that when we present it to Congress, the Salt agreement will be approved."





A bomb, apparently planted by Palestinian guerrillas, in the Israeli coastal town of Netanya yesterday killed two people

# Mr Sadat says peace treaty may be delayed

Israeli-Egyotian negotiations, the Jordanian leader had displayed "a very constructive attitude", he added.

In response to another question. Mr Carter also repeated his country's readiness to consider guarantees to shore up an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. Some Arab leaders had told him privately that they would accept such a role for the United States.

President Sadat said in Cairo

that President Carter's remarks
"may delay for some time"
the signing of a peace agree-"I am disappointed because "I am disappointed because
I should like us to put all our
efforts towards ending the suffering in the Middle East and
giving a bright future to our
next generations," Mr Sadat
said in an interview with the
American Broadcasting Corpora-

Asked whether in the light of agreement. It is peace. Peace in Carter's statement he still once and for all." Mr Carter's statement he still believed a settlement of the conflict within two months was possible, the Egyptian leader said: "It may be delayed for some time. But I think that quoting 1978 as a year of decision is not an exaggeration. Mr Sadat has relied heavily

on the support of the Carter Administration to bring the Israelis to the negotiating table and he again emphasized that Egypt, like Israel, depended on the United States for security in an eventual peace agreement.

He said that what "surprised" him most about the statement "is the ignoring of the importance of the Pales-

tinian question because it is the core and crux of the whole problem. If we are to ignore it we cannot build or establish peace, and that is what we are after. It is not a second disen-

prebensive peace settlement would have to be based on complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab terri-He made the assertion after

formally receiving Israel's latest peace plan from Mr Hermann Eilts, the United States Ambas-sador to Egypt. Government sources said that

Mr Kamai plans to go to Jerusalem on January 14 to par-ticipate in the first session of a political committee set up by President Sadat and Mr Begin at their talks last weekend in Ismailia. Egypt is working on counter-proposals to the Israeli peace plan, they said.

Heated debate

settlements along the coast of Kamal, the new Egyptian Foreign Minister, has repeated his
country's demand that any comsula to Egopt that his peace plan provided for the settlements to remain under Israeli administration and to be defen-

> Arab leaders from the West Bank gave a chilly reception to the plan to grant them limited self-rule under continuing Israeli military control. They repeated their demands for an independent Palestinian state.

ded by Israelis.

Herr Schmidt, the West Gerofficial visit to Egypt yesterday said in Cairo that a peace settlement must be based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and take into account the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

# In brief

## US-Seoul deal on Mr Park

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Seoul, Dec 29.—South Korea sian an agreement romorrow allowing Mr Tongsun Park, the key figure in the alleged Korean bribery of American congressmen, to go to Washingthe new year, official sources said here. He will be allowed to return to Seoul after testimony. Mr Park, a wealthy rice broker formerly based in Washington, was alleged to have given gifts and lavish parties to congressmen to influence American policy towards South Korea. Since last August he has refused to return to the United States.

#### £26m drug haul

Miami, Dec 29.—About 75 tons of marijuana worth at least was unloaded from two vessels seized by the United States Coast Guard near the Bahamas. The crew of 21 Colombians were

#### Democrat nominee

Washington, Dec 29.-President Carter has recommended that Mr John White, the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, should be appointed national chairman of the Democratic Party to succeed Mr Ken Curtis, a former governor of Maine.

#### Freedom mystery

Islamabad, Dec 29.—The Pakistan Government withdrew an announcement about the release of more than 11,000 political prisoners within a few hours after it was issued to the press. No reason was given.

## Shot black dies

Port Elizabeth, Dec 29.—Mr Mthuthuzeli Heshu, aged 28, a black pop group manager, has died after being shot by riot police during disturbances in the New Brighton township near

# Ford Foundation thinks of 'British Brookings'

Substantial American investment in studies of how British government policies work is being considered by the Ford Foundation. Mr McGeorge Buady, its president, told me in New York that, although the foundation's inquiries are still at a preliminary stage an "elastic" sum is available for a London institute of policy

Clarifying reports that Ford has committed several million pounds to a "British Brookings", a reference to the policy institute in Washington, Mr. Bundy said money would come from Ford only if the proposed body had stable and reliable sources of local finance leaders. sources of local finance, leader ship of great quality, and encouragement within from government circles. "The first principle of

inquiries is to consider no kind of institution that is not genuinely wanted by, designed by, and working for the interests of people in the country concerned. We have been talking with interested people in the United Kingdom

Mr Bundy has had discussions in recent months, mainly with civil servants. He has been in contact with the Social

Science Research Council, which has announced its gen-eral intention to establish a policy body.

Mr Bundy said that in his conversations with Mr Derek Robinson, chairman of the SSRC, no exact figures for rord Support of the project were mentioned and it was made clear that Ford's contribution would depend beavily on enthusiasm for policy

on enthusiasm for policy studies within Britain. Disagreement between the Disagreement between the SSRC and the independent policy bodies in London, such as the National Institute for Social and Economic Research, have not escaped Mr Bundy. Referring to his experience as Dean of Harvard University, he said: "I have spent a good many years in academic politics and I have seen nothing in Britain that startles me. Britain that startles me.

f In Logidon there is the question of whether the reformation of particular existing institutions is worth the effort. It is foolish to claim there is no country where there are not excellent people thinking about questions of public policy. There is no reason to assume that any particular new institution would be a cure-all.

"What Ford is doing is to the wheel do records." ask what do people, loca people, who know all about it

Mr Altan Oymen, the Republican party spokesman, admitted that his party was "in a hurry to oust the Government".

## on Turkish censure motion From Our Correspondent

Ankara, Dec. 29
The Turkish National
Assembly today debated the
censure motion against Mr
Demirel's Government in a
brief but heated session.
Mr Demirel, told the Assembly that he could not say

much, the opposition Republican People's Parry hav-ing managed to limit speeches on the motion to only 20 minutes. RPP's accusations against my Government cover 34 separate points, but I am only given 20 minutes to: answer." He said. This leaves me about 35 seconds apiece for

such issues as Turkey's foreign currency problems, law and order, foreign policy, etc." He accused the Social Democratic RPP of being interested in "nothing but coming to

The confidence vote will be held on Saturday afternoon.

#### Japan plans expansion to cut payments surplus From Peter Hazelburst also played a part. Economic

Takyo, Dec 29

Japan will spend more on defence, foreign aid and public works next year in an attempt to stimulate domestic business and reduce the nation's embar-rassing balance of payments The expansion programme is

contained in a budget plan, approved by a special session of the Cabinet today. The plan was immediately criticized by left-wing opposition groups and praised by leading sections of industry. industry. industry.

In general terms budget expenditure will rise by 20 per cent—a step designed to increase economic growth to 7

rease economic growth to per cent next year.

The decision to go for versial subject in Japan, will expansion has been influenced by pressures and the threats of protectionism from western in lay to £4,200m. It will still dustrial nations. In particular, account for only 0.9 per cent of the gross regional product.

to promote imports.

Domestic considerations have

research organizations have predicted that the current depression will account for a record number of 18,500 bank ruptcies this year. The press reported today that 54 man-agers and owners of small bankrupt businesses have committed suicide in the past two months.

Under the budget plan the vast sum of £11,000m, representing a 34 per cent increase, will be spent on public works. Loans will be provided for a projected 400,000 new homes. This year only 224,000 homes received loan finance. New super express railway lines and motorways are to be built.

dustrial nations. In particular, the draft budget appears to yield to American demands that Japan should immediately stimulate its economy in order stimulate its economy in order the purchase of a new generation of fighter aircraft, the F5 model, from the United

Gierek plan to allay consumers' discontent and provide a wider choice of goods

# Poland turns to private trading

"My local food shop normally has four assistants. On average two are pregnant and the other two just bone lazy. Time and again we find the shop closed, with a notice on the door which says: 'Closed because of illness'. Then we have to walk miles to the next shop, where the queues are twice as long."

This heartfelt complaint from a senior Polish civil servent echoes the feelings of many workers who, after an eight-hour day without a lunch break, leave their offices and factories to face the daily ordeal of shopping.

Forty-two per cent of Poland's work force are women, many of them married and with families, and it is they who bear the brunt of this lack of service. It is one of the many elements of dis-content which seethes beneath the surface of Poland's relative prosperity and one which Mr Gierek, the party leader, is an empting to tackle. Private ownership of shops

with a floor area of up to 50 squart yards is to be officially squart yards is to be outlined, encouraged. Existing state content, now venter manny owned shops of this size will the state, the new plans for owners hope owners as shop ownership are aimed at broader function:

makes will have to come from of goods, the Government

The Government hopes that in the purchase of meat, as well as keeping the shop open, this will encourage the shopkeeper to be more adventurous and increase the range large proportion of his es

Priority will be given to people who already have shop space available and to those who are willing to take on a who are witting to take on a long-term contract. Existing shops will be leased for a lump sum, said to be "very low", for an initial term—the details have still to be published—and then for a further term for a rent based on the estimated

Shop owners will not have to have any specific educational qualifications, unlike the sons and daughters of farmers who, in order to inherit the family farm under new legislation to encourage private farm owner-ship, must have a basic agricul-tural college diploma.

As well as providing a safety valve for the consumers' dis-

It reasons that if the Polish consumer has a wider choice he will not, as now, spend a large proportion of his earnings on relatively cheap meat of goods.

The best private owners, the planners believe, will be families with three or four members who can man the shop entirely without employing outside labour.

The acute meat shortage in Poland, after four years of poor harvests and a drastic cutback in animal husbandry because not enough feed has been imported, is one of the chreatening the been imported, is one of the worst problems threatening the

> A Polish five-year plan allows for two relatively poor havests. The next three years will have to show bumper crops to get the figures right. After four years we must expect a couple of good years", a gov-ernment official said. Another government hope is

that private enterprise shops will provide a fresh outlet for local handicraft a home industry which is being officially encouraged. In whatever way the new generation of shopkeepers chooses to expand its range of goods, supplies will have to be drawn mainly from the home market. All signs point to a clampdown in the near future on imports from countries which are not members of Comecon, the East prices are usually strictly fufilling a broader function: members of Comecon, the East pegged, the profit a new owner by introducing a wider range European economic grouping.

# Chile quits talks on claim to Cape Horn islands

Chile over an apparent Chilean attempt to claim a 200-mile exclusive economic zone in waters hitherto controlled by Argentina, off Tierra del Fuego and Cape Horn, have abruptly come to a halt amid growing doubts in Buenos Aires that the issue can be amicably sertled.

The dispute is the result of

Argentine counterpart had been cut short and a second

Argentine newspapers today said that the talks had been a "victual failure". They commented, almost unanimously, that no ground for optimism remained The Argentine Covernment

Iran firms ban

trade with

Italy and Danes Teheran, Dec 29.—Iranian companies said today they have stopped trading with Denmark and Italy after attacks on Iranian diplomatic missions in

said the companies were angered by the lettiency with which the attackers were treated. They have imposed an indefinite suspension on purchases from either Italy or Denmark. Iranian students opposed to the Shah invaded their embassy in Rome this month and were allowed to leave the country after receiving light sentences. Another group of Iranians invaded the embassy in Copenhagen two weeks ago. They caused some damage and were later jailed for three weeks, but

West Germany, France, Austria and Sweden where they are studying. The chamber accused Italy and Denmark of showing indifference and said: "In order to show their hurt feelings in a practical way, they decided to suspend until further notice their purchases from the two countries."

were deported within days to

Danish exports to Iran are worth about £60m a year, according to the Danish Ambassador in Teheran.—

# Communists fail in San Marino

gave up an attempt to regain power in this tany mountain state as they are just one parlia-mentary vote short of forming Western Europe's only Communist Government. Signor Umberto Barulli, the world chess championship quali-

party leader, given a mandate 10 days ago to try to solve a month-long government crisis, was unable to pick up the extra vote by the time his deadline expired this evening.

Uli Schmetzer reports on the crisis of growing numbers and rising violence in Italy's universities in The Times Higher Michael Rosenthal reviews a a review of 1977.

## US agency criticized over lack of silo safety rules From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Dec 29 Federal safety and agricul-tural experts are working out safety guidelines for grain-hand ling installations, four of which have exploded recently,

killing at least 50 people. One explanation for the rash of explosions is that grain dust may have been ignited by static electricity in abnormally dry air or by an electrical spark. Sabotage at the two worst explosions, in New Orleans and Galveston, Texas,

fying match against Boris Spassky. In a letter to Mr Bozidar

Kazic, the unspire, he said he would not resume the match

unless speciators were excluded

and no demonstration board was

in sight of the players. He would exercise his right to

postpone the fourteenth game

tomorrow but would play on Monday provided his demands

were met. If they were not, he would ask the International

Chess Federation to move the

match from Belgrade. The Yugoslav organizers are

meeting tomorrow to consider the ultimatum. Mr Kazic said

of Korchnoi's demand that the public be excluded: "This just

camot be done."

Korchnoi is leading 71-51 in the 20-game much to find a

challenger to Anatoly Karpov, the world champion. But he has

now lost three games in a row. A grotesque blunder which cost

him his queen and the

thirteenth game yesterday came

tions, said his organization and the Department of Agriculture were speeding up efforts to eliminate silo explosions in the wake of the last week's events.

The agency, which has been working on new safety guide-lines for several months, has been cripicized for concentration ing on minor safety and health provisions, such as toilet facili-ties, and ignoring more serious hazards. In response to these criticisms, Dr Eula Bingham, the recently-appointed head of the organization, bas announced that in future his

omicials would concentrate on major shortcomings, such as tional Safety and Health Administration here, which looks after job safety precau-Korchnoi threatens to quit match against Spassky

Belgrade, Dec 29-Viktor after he had complained to the Korchnoi, the self-exiled Rus- umpire of the noise in the sian grandmaster, today threat-packed audience, ened to withdraw from his Mr Kazic said t Mr Kazic said today: "There would have been whistling and shouring if I had agreed yesterday to korchnoi's demand to lower the curtains on the audi-

ence. He noted that the noise

subsided as soon as he asked

for silence". These were the moves of the thirteenth game:



## Swede disputes reports of Khmer atrocities

Stockholm, Dec 29.—Mr Jean Christophe Oeberg a Swedish diplomat, who recently spent two days travelling in Cambodia, has challenged the objectivity of reports by refugees of atrocinies since the Khmer Rouge takeover two and a half years ago.

He told a Swedish television interviewer last night that dur-

interviewer last night that dur-ing a journey of nearly 100 miles he and his wife saw only four armed people and that Cambodians did not appear to be working under duress.

Mr Oeberg, who is the
Ambassador to Thailand, was Ambassador to Thailand, was the first Western diplomat to travel overland into Cambodia since Phnom Penh fell to the Communists in April, 1955. In an interview published yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet; he emphasized that he went as a tourist Mr Oeberg confirmed Mr Oeberg confirmed the Khmer Rouge had emried the towns. Sendhad emptied the towns, sending people to live and work in

the country.

"There is no money around in this nation, meaning you cannot buy or sell merchandise as under normal conditions.

# When I asked my Cambodian friends why they have chosen this way, they claimed there was no other alternative to support their big communities."—AP.

Buenos Aires, Dec 29
Talks between Argentina and

# From Our Correspondent

the Eagle arbitration award issued by a British-appointed international tribunal last May

allocating three small islands in the South Atlantic to Chile.

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# that it will reject the award if priority. It has virtually forced is that Chile has issued at decir results in any loss of Chile to negotiate, sending a ree accompanied by an official stream of military and government has putil February 2 to decide. Vice-Admiral Patricio Carvaida, the Chilean Foreign Minister, flew home early yesterday will not surrender one inch of after a first meeting with Vice-Admiral Oscar Montes, his At the meeting on Tuesday Argentine counterpart had

will not surrender one inch of its sovereign territory.

At the meeting on Tuesday Vice-Admiral Montes reported Argentina's reply is that his infinitely presented Argentina's treaty of 1881 and its final proposal for continuing 1893 protocol, which established the division of Caryajal then left without further Pacific and Affantic Caryajal then left without further Pacific and Affantic ther discussion. A source in the Argentine delegation was today quoted as being no longer even moderately optimistic.

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Argentina's main complaint towards the Argentine Republic.

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**England** and

From John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent,

Mr David Clark and Mr Jack Bailey, chairman and secretary respectively of the International Cricker Conference, flew on to India today on their whistle stop four of the world's Test-playing countries.

Their - discussions with the

Their discussions with the Board of Control for Cricker in Pakistan, held here in Lahore, covered, among other things, he question of appealing against last month's High Court indigment in London that the ban imposed by the ICC on those crickeners now appearing for Mr Facker was illegal. They also took the chance of starting in what politicians call "an extinuity of views" with the England players, though as Mr Clark and Mr Bailey were quick to point out they were in no way authorized to speak for the Test and County Cricket Board.—That being so they were careful not to compromise the English counties.

English counties.

Never a day goes by without one being asked by Pakistanis how Sussex could ever have reappointed Greig as their capiain when he is so beholden to the Packer cause. This is not at all the lead Pakistan had expected, and boped for, froat England, nor can it be a help to Messrs Clark and Balley on their journeyings as they aim for manimity among the full member countries of the ICC.

The chances are I think that

Pakistan in second Test

Sarfraz Nawaz was still to Lou- amptonshire, who are

Three changes as India

try to save Test series

an effort to save the series, have made three changes in their team

for the third Test match against

Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here tomorrow. Srinivas

Vinketavaghavan, an off-spin buwler, and Brijeh Patel, a bais-man, have been left out of the ream who narrowly lost the second Test in Perth, and Madan Lel, an

alrounder, has been relegated to alrounder, has been relegated to 12th man. They have been replaced by Karsan Ghavri, Erapalii Prasanna and Ashok Mankad.

The Melbourne wicket has scaked up a good deal of rain recently and the Indians have

SECOND DIVISION: Fulham V Old-

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FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport County ( Bott-nemouth (7.50). Rugby Union

# Attack of butterfingers hits schoolboys

HOCKEY:

By Nicholas Keith Middx Schools 9 Kent Schools 6 A nasty outbreak of butteroccurred at schools in the London area. It is hoped that the infection will be confided to the ground of UCS Old Boys, Isle-worth, where Middlesex Schools won yesterday by three penalty goals to two. This was a hardfought but most untidy match which failed to brighten a cold, grey atternoon. Endeavour walked hand in hand with error and it

was impossible to keep count of the number of knock-ons. The best things about yester-The best things about yester-day's same were negative, namely the spoiling and tockling by both teams. Middlesex were never behind and just deserved their victory. They dominated the ser scrummages and disrupted the kent pack with some powerful shores.

Middlesex had the better of the first half although at halftime the score was 3-3, a penalty to each captain. Thomas put Middlesex aband after five minutes and Robinson equalized 15 minutes later. Middlesex should have scored a try in the 15th mixute when first Kaufman and then when first Kaufman and then Thomas were checked on the Kent

Kent's best chance was at the

opted to add Ghavri, a fast bowler. Prasanna, an off-spinner, has been successful on the Melbourne wicket, which is expected to be-

whitet, which is expected to become easier after a lively first
day. He took six wickets in the
match against Victoria last month,
and also collected six wickets in
the Melbourne Test during the
1967-68 tour.
Ghavri reinforced his claims to a
Test place he shirts seem wickets.

Test place by taking seven wickets during the Indians' recent visit to Tasmania. Australia lead 2—0 in the five-meth series. They will not amnounce their side until

tomorrow morning.
TEAM: B. Bedi (capialn), S. Gaveskar, M. Armanath, B. Chandraschar, C. Chauhan, K. Ghavri, S. Kirnani, A. Mankad, E. Prasanns, D. Vengastkar and G. Viswanath.—Reuter.

Healy and Thomas were promin-ent; Richardson, Kent's booker, went well in the loose although be conceded beels against the head,

conceded beets against the hear, 2—1. The game came unstuck in midifield. Both sets of halfbacks often allowed themselves to be smothered by the opposing cover and, when they released the ball, it was usually dropped somewhere along the line.

KENT: J, Robinson (West Kent Collogo, captain); J. Temple (Judé), A. Wilson (Srockley). P. Swift (Maidstone), P. Traynor (Gravesond); G. Howad (Darlford), A. Crame (Skinner); C. Aktock (Sevenoaks), B. Richardson (Gravesend), D. Bieves (St. Olaves), C. Milstead (Maidstone), S. Hill (Chielrhurs) and Sidcup), A. Sace (Gravesond), B. Baker (Duke of Yorks), M. Voce (St. Josephs). Surrey's early promise goes unfulfilled

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> EASTERN COUNTIES SCHOOLBOYS:
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> G. Hopkirk (Woiverstone Hall). are showing in the sortanes super.
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> The latest idea looks a nonstarter, at least for the foreseeable
> future. But inestably it has
> prompted debate again on the matter of broken time payments, and
> whether the authorities, disregarding something always regarded as
> holy writ, should not at least provide some financial compensation
> for their tim players when fouring G. Hopkirk (Wolverstone Hall).
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## Football



Harry Haslam, to whom Mill-

# Millwall's to Haslam

an offer, believed to be worth nearly £100,000 over five years, to become general manager of Millwall. Mr Haslam, who has managed Luton for the past five years, has asked, without success, for an indication from his directors that his contract, due to end heat October, or will be renewed.

He said yesternal member countries of the ICC.

The chances are, I think, that Australia, England, India and New Zealand will be less likely to advocate an early truce with Mr Packer than West Indies. As for yesterday's meeting with the Paldstanis it is said to have been conspicuously harmonious. There is a view here that the Paldstanis at view here that the Paldstanis or their government or by public orinion to choose their Packer players for their visit to England in April unless they can say that by doing so they would be out of step with all the other Test playing countries.

Innings between the first Test match, which ended on December 20 and the second which starts in Hyderabad on Monday. The four players who stayed behind when the rest left for Sialklot the after moon Brearley, Hendrick, Old and Wills will play for the Gymkhana Club tomorrow, to get themselves some cricket; that is if Old, who has influenza, are up to it. It would be nice to be some child the contribution made by the Gymkhana Club during the definition of the contribution made by the Gymkhana Club during when their cricketing members come next to Lord's.

He said yesterday. "Millwall approached me yesterday and I turned them down. They have come back with a new offer today

Mr Haslam, one of football's most popular characters, faced a crisis two years ago when Luton were nearly £750,000 in debt. But the has cut this by two-shirds and kept Luton one of the second division's most attractive sides by shrewd dealings in the transfer market.

Mr Hasiam said: "It looks as if I am being rushed into things: Mishwall have done everything in the proper manner. They asked my chairman if they could approach me and I have kept him completely in the picture. He knows exactly what has happened. I have asked the board what they are going to do about it." do about it."

Luton will have a board meeting on Tuesday at which their manager's future could be decided. They may offer him an early remewal of his contract, which is due to expire next Ormber. Mr Hastam has said he would like to stay at Luton.

Millwall have hear actions.

Sarfraz Nawaz was still to London yesterday, but had not given up hope of playing for Pakistan in the second Test against England of Hyderabad, although the start was a mere four days away. "The game begins on Monday," and if can get away by the 31st I can still get there in time to play", the Pakistan fast bowler said. Sarfraz had the best return in the farst Test, of four for 68.

"I am just wasting to hear. When I contacted my representative at home last night, he said that there was a new move afoot, but so far I have heard nothing. I am still willing to pay my own fare back, for the sake of my country, not the Pakistan Cricket Board."

Meantime Sarfraz was in contact with his English county, North-Miliwall have been without a manager since Gordon Jago resigned ou December 5 to take over Tampa Bay Rowdes, of Florida. Theo Foley has been in charge of the side in a caretaker capacity.

Millwell have slim nes, and are without a win for

Sporting dismissal Lisbon, Dec 29.—Sporting Lisbon, third in the Portuguese first division, today dismissed their Brazilian trainer, Paulo Emilio. The club said that Emilio had gone to Brazil for a holiday without permission and his absence could threaten Sporting's battle for the league championship. — Agence-Brance Presse.

All tickets sold Coventry City announced yester-day that all 36,000 tickets for tomorrow's home match against Manchester. United had been sold. They asked United supporters not to travel to Highfield Road unless they had the specially approved terrace voucher or a seat ticket.

Chelsea sell-out

Chelsea have sold all 17,500 reserved seats for the FA Cup third round match with Liverpool on January 7. A total of 3,000 unreserved seats will be available on the day of the match.

their goal-line and Kent failed to collect their own throw-in.
Thomas and Robinson exchanged penalties in the 20th minute. Finally Abbott the best threequarter on view, hit a post with an attempted dropped goal but Kent gave away a penalty for soing offising in search of the rebound. The winning kick was made by Parker who had a fine march at full back.

MIDDLESEN: T. Perker (Habercoshers' Aske's): N. Kaufman (Habercoshers' Aske's): N. Kaufman (Habercoshers' Aske's): J. Abbott (Lowfands);
S. Wendon (Raberdashers' Aske's): J.
Samson (St Pauls): D. Buckley
(Gumarsbury), D. Edwards (Merchant
Taylors): S. Henderson (Laymer

# **Buckley set to follow** road to Villa Park

Steve Buckley, the Luton Town left back, is set to follow in the coesseps of Bruce Rioch and Chris Micholl and leave Kenliworth Road for Villa Park. Ronald Saunders, the Aston Villa manager, yesterday lodged a £150,000 bid for the 22-year-old Buckley, who cost Luton only £2,000 from the Southern League Club, Burton Albion.

"I don't want to break up my ream", the Lunon manager, Harry Hasiam; said, "but obviously, in our cash position, financial considerations are important. The decision rests with our board." Luton, who nearly went into Hquidation two years ago, single above a bank overdraft 2250,000.

Buckley, whose brother Al-n Scholl and leave Kenilworth Road

Buckley, whose brother Aim plays for Walsall, is a powerful attacking player. Mr Saunders, still boping to get Villa back into the championship race, considers: me championsmi race, considers that his party is not strong enough for the heavy programme still to come. Villa are in the quarterfinal round of the Uefa Cup and could face a particularly congested

Gordon Milne, the Coventry City manager, also hopes to strengthen his side by the weekend; he has bids in for two players. Mr Milne, who it is reported has had a £200,000 offer ned down for Luton's Paul utcher, sid he had spoken to three managers in the last 24 three managers in the last 2 hours.
One of the three had told him that the player he was interested in was not available at any price. He was now waiting for replies from the other two. Mr Mine's urgent priority is for a defender. Three of his back four players, Holton, Oakey and Coop, are injured.

Alan Curbishley, West Ham United's young midfield player and a Portsmouth striker, David Kemp, are other players being linked with Villa. Mr Saunders has spent some £300,000 in the post three years in building a formidable first division side.

# **Bell continues comeback** while Tueart returns

Manchester City's England international, Colin Bell, will condinue his comeback in the match with Aston Villa at Maine Road tomorrow. Denais Theartwho has refused a move to the neighbouring Manchester United—is expected to return after being ruled out of the game against Middleshrough on Tuesday with an ankle injury.

Theart, who scored his third treble of the season against Newcastle on Monday, will take overfrom Roger Paimer. City's manager, Toay Book, said he was more than pleased with Bell's reimn and added: "If Colin feels he is all right at the weekend he stays in the side. At this singe I can't see any reason why he cannot continue."

Andrew Ritchie, Manchester United's 17-year-old striker, could keep his place in the side for the game at Coventry. The local-born player made his first appearance against Everton on Monday in place of Stuart Pearson, who was out of action with a sprained ankle, and he kept his place against Leicester City on Tuesday.

The manager, Dave Sexton, said: "If Pearson fails to recover in time I would have no hestration in giving Andy his third game." Ritchie said: "I was a bit disappointed not scoring at Everton when we got six, but it was great being in the side. I know I shail be back in the reserves when Stuart Pearson is fit, again, but it has been a tremendous experience for me. I will just have to keep plugging away."

Chelsea's captain, Ray Wilkins, may have to miss the relegation battle with Birmingham City at St Andrew's. A groin strain ended Willins' ran of 73 successive games for Chelsea, when he was absent from the 2—1 defeat of West Ham United on Tuesday, and he has been unable to train stree.

if necessary, and I can't say at the moment whether he will make it." Steve Finnieston, a striker, who came on as substitute in the last minute against West Ham, could be in line for a recall if he suffers no reaction from Achilles tendon trouble he has had since September 3.

Hugh McAuley, a winger, could be back for Charlton Achillet if the Ninian Park pitch at Cardiff is not too heavy. McAuley has missed the last four matches with a hamstring strain, but is now back in training. The manager, Andrew Nelson, said: "I'll have a look at the pitch before deciding whether Hugh plays. He's virtually completely fit, but if it's heavy I won't risk him." During McAuley's absence Charlson have lost three times.

McAuley's absence Charlton have lost three times.

Makcolm Macdonald, recovered from a shin injury, plays for Arsenal at Everton. Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Samuel Nelson, who also took knocks in Tuesday's 3—1 win at West Bromwich, will also play. Arsenal have won their last six away matches and success at Everton would put them second, behind Nottingham Forest, in the title challenge.

# Netherlands unlikely to be seeded in World Cup

in June. He confirmed that West Germany, the bolders, and Argentina, the hosts, would each head one of the four groups, and said the other two seeds were likely to be Brazil and Italy.

It had been assumed that the Netherlands, runners up to West Germany in the 1974 final, would be seeded, but Mr Havelange said the creaniging committee would

seeds had been officially chosen, the remaining eight European teams would be divided according to their international ranking. One strong and one weak European team would go mto each of the four groups centred in Buenos Aires, Mar del Plata, Cordoba, and Mendoza. This would leave Mexico, Tunista, Iran and Peru, with Peru and Mexico kept our of the groups headed by Brazil and Argentina.

Netherlands, runners up to West Germany in the 1974 final, would be seeded, but Mr Havelange said the organizing committee would choose the seeds, other than argentine and West Germany, in accordance with economic interests. Mr Havelange, speaking at a sports seminar, said he had a sports seminar, said he had head that that would head the group based in Mendoza, a largely Italian speaking area in the west. He added that, after the four Argentina Peru.—Reuter.

# Armfield is not surprised

Leeds United, said that Nottingham Forest were clearly the team everyone had to beat for the league title. "I am not really surreague title. I am not rearly sur-prised by their success ". Mr Arm-field, whose team are eight points behind the leaders, said.
"They have done better than everybody anticipated at the start of the season. They have sustained their form throughout, and we are

autumn—though things have gone quier since—that there might be a sufficient number of All Blacks at

sufficient number of All Blacks at the end, or close to the end, of their careers at the top to be genuinely interested in a rugby type circus, and likewise that it might not be too difficult to persuade a useful quorum of Welsh players to join it. Even if that were true, which I certainly doubt, a promoter would need at least 40 players to provide a Packer-type circus. In any case, would the rugby public anywhere in the world evince more interest in this sort of emertalnment than Austra-

sort of entertainment than Austra-Ha's cricket supporters currently are showing in the so-called Super

for their top players when touring

recently."

Mr Armfield has injury problems for the match at West Bromwich tomorrow. David Harvey and Paul Reaney are doubtful with knee injuries. Trevor Cherry has stitches in a gash below his right ankle, but Tony Currie, who has missed the last two matches with a thigh strain, was able to train yesterday. All four will have fitness tests today.

Broken time payments the thin end of a dangerous wedge

Ing camp and then ordered to leave
The hockey issue was raised
during question time in Parliament
Several central government ministers had issued statements and
eventually Prime Minister Morarji
Desai took a hand in the affair.
He held a meeting here with the
Education Minister Prakash.
Chandra Chunder and Hs deputy.
Dhanna Singh Gulshan, who are
responsible for sports, and the
Works and Housing Minister,
Sikander Bakht. The outcome was
that Mr Bakht, a former top-class
hockey player himself, was
appointed to supervise the final

that Mr Bakht, a former top-class hockey player himself, was appointed to supervise the final preparation of the Indian World Cup team, which is due to be announced this week.

One of the events that has not been explained so far is the sacking of the chairman of the fiveman selection committee, J. D. Nagarwala, by the FIH this morni.

—Reuter.

**Swimming** 



team, writes Richard Streeton.
While the rest of us ponder over
our gastronomical indiscretions
over Christmas, all 40 members
of the party, 18 boys and 22 girls,
aged between 13 and 15, are spendare doing rigorous training in readiness for a long season. It starts in three weeks' time with three days of competition in Geneva and other foreign trips include meetings in Portugal, Luxembourg and Yugoslavia. Domestic commitments on their programme last until the finals of the inter-county event at the end of next November. of next November.

Some of the swinners will earn places in senior English and British teams for leading events, including the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton in August. Primarily, though, the bulk of the

selection worries

New Delm, Dec 29.—India are facing their usual problems over the selection of a hockey team for the World Cup tournament in Buenos Aires next March. Six leading players were expelled from the training camp and could be excluded from consideration for selection. Two of the five selections have been replaced and a

director, outlined his approach to sponsorship.

which stands comparison with similar efforts abroad.

Something like 35,000 school-children benefit from the ASA's organization in this area and sooner or later have the opportunity to prove their worth if the ability is there. None of the work would be possible without sponsorship and the Esso Petroleum Co Ltd now provide the financial backing. Including administration, it will cost Esso about £150,000 over the next three years. A formal banding over of their first cheque for £30,000 took place at a luncheon at Crystal Palace yesterday, when Dr A. R. W. Baddeley, Esso's executive

#### Hockey Russians introduce stricter India beset by tests to detect steroids complex

sports official disclosed today that stricter checks have been introduced to prevent Russian athletes using banned anabolic steroids. The deputy national sports chief, Anatoly Kolesov, told the Dally Soviet Sport that all prize winners at national championships were tested for anabolic steroids—used to improve performances artificially—as a preventive

to boost their performances.
"We are all—sports managers "We are all—sports managers, trainers, doctors, journalists and the sportsmen themselves—responsible for cutting out the possibility of the use of these banned preparations". Mr Kolesov said.

Claims by individual western specialists that anabolic steroids were harmless had been easily disproved, he said. Experiments on animals at a Leningrad institute had convincingly demonstrated that they harmed athletes health, he said.





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Note: Due to the Holiday period receipt of winnings may be delayed.

# Kent pack with some powerful shores. At the lineous Kent gained an advantage mainly through MilStead. For Middlesex Handerson,

Eastern Counties 18 Eastern Countries beat Surrey by Eastern Counties beat Surrey by a soal and three tries to a penalty soal and a dropped goal in their Schoolboys—ugby match at the Hord Wanderers ground vesterday. That completes Surrey's Christmas and New Year programme. They beat Kent and Middlesex. Easter Counties, who drew with Kent, play Middlesex at Teddington on Monday.

Surrey looked the likelier side in the early part of the game, winding all the ball they could have wanted and using it well, though not well emough to score. Once Counties had found themselves, however, there was little doubt about the receipt. about the result. Their backs, their backs, their backs, their backs, their backs, an Ergland international schoolboy aram half, and Thompson, played

paterration, and scored three out-standing tries. Thompson scored the first.
From a incourt, whilems and hop-ides purctured Surger's minimal From a incout, widiams and 100-kirs pur-tured Surrey's midfold defeate (it was to happen agaid), Manning male a long run on the left wing, and Thompson took his inside pass to dive over. Then O'Nent scored when Surrey lust control of the ball at a set scrum-mage near their own line and Counties arrived at half time eight noists to the good.

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Surrey were back in the game during the second half, but only for a few minites. Jones, their captain, who led the London Schools side against the Australians, kicked a penelty and Hayworth dropped a goal from a lineout to make it 8—6. The penalty was awarded at a ruck in front of the posts. Robinson set

Williams, a tall, powerful centre, scored Comoties' third and fourth

with ever increasing enterprise and it up, after good work by Luddington, Godwie and Austin,

Rugby 'circus' looks a non-starter

By Peter West
As one blinkered enough not to
have foreseen the arrival on the
crickett scene of Mr Kerry Packer I
ought not, perhaps, to dismiss out
of band the prospects of that
entrepreneur in New Zealand who
has been putting his toe into the
deeper waters of Rugby Union and
testing the temperature to see
whether he might be able to run a
circus or similar lines. The
announcement of his hopes and
plans brought an instant and
totally predictable short of disbellef from the game's administrators at opposite ends of the
globe, and any players thinking of
crossing their Rubicon know well
that by so doing they would suffer away from home.

This of course is the hottest of hot potatoes and one which the unions may continue to find wholly indigestible. There would be no surprise in that, not because of what some would call their entrenched artifude but because the introduction of broken time surely would be the thin end of a potentially long and dangerous wedge. that by so doing they would suffer instant banishment from a game thit has lways declared a cherished intention to keep itself

surely would be the thin end of a potentially long and dangerous wedge. It is all very well glibly to suggest that broken time payment should be provided only for those players whose employers decline to pay them in ther absence and who therefore would feel unable to tour. But, once such a guideline had been introduced, the employers of every player invited to tour would be strongly tempted to adopt a far less unselfish stance, and let the unions carry the financial can. One can even envisage instances of imaginative, not to say unscrupulous, players seeking to get the best of both worlds in the share of double payment. Quite apart from such considerations, where might it all end?

I may be blinkered on this issue, too, but I believe, come bell or high water, that the union authorities will, and must, continue to set their stall against broken time. However, that need not imply that without breaking the hollest commandurent of all they should not in certain areas adopt a more flexible and realistic attitude to the trea-

match visit of the All Blacks to these islands next season.

While it is abundantly true that rugby touring players are offered a great deal of hospitality, the modern player observing the vast profits garuered in by the unions on major expeditions—as a result of his skills and dedication—thinks he is putied to a present active. is entitled to a more generous daily allowance, if only to help pay his relephone calls back home. The Lions in New Zealand last summer got £3 a day.

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There is not much doubt, too, that the authorities should reconsider their attitudes to the presence of players' wives on longer tours. This last thought is prompted by an example from the recent expedition of the Lious when Mike Gibson's wife flew out for the last five weeks. This set an unheard of precedent. But I should have thought that so great a player, then on his flifth Lious tour, had given service and time enough to given service and time enough to British rugby to feel fully entitled to such a luxury, without running the risk of incurring managerial

displeasure.

That at least was the official reaction as described by John Reacon in his book. Lions Down Under. "Mrs Gibson", he writes, "never went into the team's hotel or anywhere near it, she travelled independently and she kept so discreetly in the background that she was invariably out of sight. Certainly she was infinitely less of mandment of all they should not in certain areas adopt a more flexible and readistic attitude to the creature comforts of their top players in this so-called liberated age.

By almost common consent of the players what is known as the full tour lasting three months and more is now regarded as being too demanding. It may well be that when the happy day comes and the Springboks are made universally welcome again, their players would gladly accept the full, traditional programme, but all other tours, including those of the Lions, may be tailored on the lines of the 16-18

# Leyd banks £19,000 by staying on a the sun

Ey Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

The last month of 1977 has produced notable achievements by two British tednis players: the leaders of a new generation taking over from Mark Cox and Roger Taylor. Less than four weeks ago Christopher Mottram, aged 22, reached the final of the South African clampionship, John Lloyd, 23, has new advanced to the semi-final count of the semi-f round of the Australian champion-ship by Beating John Newcombe 3-5, 6-3, 7-5, 7-5 in a match that lasted two hours and 20 minutes.

Berween 1967 and 1975 New-combe established himself as the corbe established himself as the last of that great breed of players capable of winning singles and doubles events in the big championships. He then became immersed in a variety of business ventures and last March, when he broke a bone in his right foor while sking in Vermont, it seemed that he could no longer be reserted as a serious contender for the most distinguished championships. But at the age of 33 he decided to find out if he could force his way back to the top for one more year. During the summer he resumed training with that in mind. His recent form has suggested that, although the former peaks may be out of reach, he will not be far short of them.

Lloyd sprang to prominence at

Lloyd sprang to prominence at Wimbledon by heating the fourth seed. Roscoe Tanner, and confirmed his advance by defeating Compared his advance his new level of expectation made him so despondent that, briefly, he considered returning home for Christmes. Then came a burst of success that has made this week the most lucrative of his career.

Lloyd has forced his way among the 35 players who will benefit from the grand prir bonus pool, which means a minimum of \$10,000, and is sure of at least \$7,000 from the Australian championships. So by spending Christmas on the other side of the world he has become almost \$10,000 richer. His next assignment will re a king's Cup march against Sweden at Sunderland on January 5.



Lloyd yesterday: looking backwards to Christmas and towards the semi-final round of the Australian Open.

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Lloyd said after the match that once that once he had broken service he felt that Newcombe would have to play well to beat him. "I knew for he was going to run round my second service, so I was pretty positive on it." The outcome of a tough match became increasingly predictable, especially in view of the disparity in years. But Newcombe had seen Lloyd beat three match points in the last game.

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Ken Rosewall, 17 years his senior.
7-6, 7-6, 6-1. Alexander will meet the top seed, Vitas Gerulaitis, who beat Australia's Ray Ruffels 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.
6-2.

Miss Austin may be in American side

Tracey Austin, the 15-year-old American tennis player, who made a spectricular first appearance at Wimbledon in the summer, could soon be returning to Britain. She is a strong candidate for a place in the United States team to challenge for the women's BP Cup title at Torquay from February 13-to 18. Announcing the teams yesterday, Ioan Barrett, the tournament trganizer, sald: "The United States, after four years of losing to Feitain in the final, are seeking to the wing much hoped that Tracey Austin will be available."

If Eritain are to add to their run of successes they, too, will need their strongest team for this series

of under-21 internationals, which is often regarded as the most competition to this series of out which is often regarded as the most competition, being country outside Wimbledon. Ann Jones, in the captain, is hoping that Michele Tyler and Linda Mothan Michele Tyler and Linda Mothan Britain's best under-21 players, will cut short an American tour to play. In the women's competition, Britain and America will face a challenge from France, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Romania. Paul Hutchins will captain the men's team, who have not won the event stone from America, Czechoslovakia, France, Spain, Italy, Germany and Holland.

Mark Cox has become a profes-

Book review

# Ashes fought against tragic background

By Richard Streeton

A number of cricket books on the Packer affair are due to reach the bookshops shortly though, presumably, another 15 to 20 years must elapse before the definitive account can, be tackled with the necessary perspective. Meanwhile 1977's busy time in cricket publishing closed with the appearance of two tour books of the traditional type, dealing with England's recapture of the Ashes last summer.

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Christopher Martin-Jenkins has written The Jubilee Tests (Macdonald and Jane's) and David Frith and Greg Chappell have worked in partnership to produce The Ashes 77 (Angus and Robertsen). Both books cost £4.95 and have a comprehensive quota of photographs by Patrick Eagar.

English readers, and certainly middle-aged ones and older, will, I believe, prefer Mr Martin-Jenkins's book. Eke myself. It is equally certain that Mr Frith's book will be chosen ahead of its tive! by many, not least among younger enthusiasts. Both fundamentally, convey the sombre and tragic background against which the 1977 series was staged.

This is the fourth tour book Mr Martin-Jenkins has written in herest, acceptable English. Like its predecessors it strikes a heapy balance between analysis, ormosphere and facts, as befits a EEC commentator, and nothing jurys, either in tone or phrase. It centains a full account of the contenery Test in Melbourne, as stendidly done chronological account of Mr Packer's encreach-

ment on the season, without shirking comment on the issue, and a souvenir of a wonderful occasion. It is a pity the opportunity has in its rivel, including the full not been taken to update recent souvenir of a wonderful occasion. It is a pity the opportunity has not been taken to update recent knowledge galued about the liausural 1877 Test match but there is much to commend about the rest of this booklet, not least the colour photographs from Mr Eagar. Also, a near full text for the first time in print of Sir Donald Bradman's marvellous speech at the cemenary banquet.

Gordon Ross, that archetypal enthusiast, has had a limited edition published of Cricket's Great Characters (available from the Cricketers Ltd. Beech Hanger, Ashurst, Tumbridge Wells, Kent: 56 plus 40p postage). The subjects are George Gunn, Hendren, Parkin, C. B. Harris, Mailey and Trueman, a rich selection for the essayist, and Mr Ross has served them well. The price is steep but this is a beautifully bound book.

Finally Frintall's Score Book IV, the latest in the series from Lonsdale Press (28.50 limited hard back edition, 14.50 limp covers), reproduces scoresheets by Bill Frindall for both the centenary Test and the 1977 England/Australia series. John Arlott, Denis Compton, Ian Chappell, Robin Marlar, Freddie Trueman and Colin Cowdrey, provide the script and Mr Eagar the photographs. Wonderful meat for the initiated to chew. You will notice that Mr Eagar's rictures enhance four of the books dealt with in this article. Some time before long, surely, a collection of his best work must appear in its own right. The modern game is indeed fortunate in this particular artist. in its rivel, including the full scoreboards of the Australians' matches, with the counties. matches with the counties.

Messrs Frith and Chappell organize their division of labour carefully. The editor of The Cricketer International magazine reports the cricket from the press box with colour and imagery owing much to his Australian background. The Australian team captain is franker in some respects, more tedious in others, than might have been expected, as he comments from the field of play and from team hotels and dressing-rooms.

There have not been too many dressing-rooms.

There have not been too many books using dual text in cricker publishing, and it is a method with more to commend it than the normal system of ghost writing, either acknowledged or otherwise. Overall, though, I prefer Mr Frith in his proven mether as a historian and researcher, as exemplified in his My Dear Victorious Stod (Lotterworth Press: £4.50). This is a new and revised edition of the life of A. E. Stoddart, first privately published in 1970, and still unrivalled of its sort. It traces, in detail the life of the only man to captain England at both cricket and rugby.

Three other books should be ooth cricket and rugby.

Three other books should be mentioned for collectors before the curtain is raised on 1978 offerings. First, Frank Tyson, with the official backing of the Australian cricket board, has produced The Centenary Test (Pel-

Rugby League

# Hull lose their coach -

efter 17 years David Doyle-Pavidson, coach o

Hull Rughy League team, has re-

Singleton's comeback

Joy Singleton (Liverpool), the former light-welterweight champion of Great Britain, makes a comebock to the ring when he lights Tommy Glencross (Glescow) over eacht three-minute rounds at the Cenard International Hotel on Monday, Joneary 39.

LITTLEWOODS POOLS

ome coupons for matches to be mined 7th January 1978 contain mater No. 41 Snetheld U.Fv - Arsenal hotorical this match on the 10 Hames.

# Evans scores three tries in Featherstone's win

Hull Rughy League team, has resigned after 17 years with the Humberside club. This follows a string of defeats which have left last season's promotion-winning team in the first division relegation zone.

Doyle-Davidson said yesterday that club officials had failed to leed his warning that the team were not good enough for the first division.

Located three tries in this comfortable victory by Featherstone.

Dowsbury, a struggling side, pressed hard in the early stages and took the lead after three minutes. A towering kick from Hankins was gathered by Clarke, who went over between the posts. Shaking off this setback. Featherstone began to threaten and in the seventeenth minute they cut the arrears with a penalty goal from Eax to trail 5—2. In the twenty-filled minute Evans

Featherstone 21 Dewsbury 11
Steven Evans, a stand-off half, scored three tries in this comfortable victory by Featherstone.
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defenders in a brilliant swerving run for a try, which Box converted.

Dewsbury were in more trouble early second-half as winger, Clive Tenant, went over in the corner for the next try. A try by Dufton raised Dewsbury's hopes again, but Featherstone were always in command and Evans scored his third try. In the twenty fulrd minute Evans try.

For the record

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNA-MENTS: North: Durham 2, Shellold Will, U. Manchoster M.L. 2, Northur-berland 1: Cheshire 3. Cumberland U. Lineashire 0, Yarkshire 0: Creuzal Lanca Leaque 0, Westmorland O South: Hatapshire 1, Susser 2: Oxfordshire 0.

Tennis

Ice hockey

RATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphi. Phors 4, New York Rangers 5; Cleve land Barons S. Boston Bruins S. Chicago Blark Hawks 4. Teronito Masic Lofs C. Washington Capitals 2. Pinsburch Peguins 3. New York Islanders 4. Los Angeles Klays 3. a. Los Angoles Kings 5.

INTERNATIONAL
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North Stars 2: Vancouver Canacks 4.
Spartik 1958 0: Soviet All Stars 7.
Houston Acros 5

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Bobsleigh

# Persian Crown could pick up a consolation prize at Newbury

With £2,000 added, the Challow With 12,000 added, the Challow Hurdle is the most valuable race on the programme at Newbury today. And confined as it is to three-year-olds, it is the sort of the triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March. At present, Fred Winter's unbeaten colt Rodman is well and truly entrenched as favourite to underen cott Rodman is well and truly entrenched as favourite to win that Coveted prize, and with four successive wins to his name, few would quibble with that Rodman is currently resting on his laurels, enjoying a well-deserved break, but even in his absence we

yard at Newmarket, and I think that it is only reasonable to espect Pollerton to have come on in the meantime.

Pollerton was due to take Rodman on again er. Chepstow five days before Christmas, but he got cast in his box the night before and was slightly lame when he was examined by the vet at nine o'clock that morning. Persian Crown has also missed a race recently, but for a different reason. He was due to run at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, but when there were too many acceptors, some had to be hallotted out, and he was one of the unfortunates.

Today could easily see Persian Crown pick up a nice consolation

is now with David Barons in the West Country. Last spring. Boot Persian the succession in the Esher Cup at Sandown. His best performances were when there was plenty of give in the ground; so he should be in his element jumping.

Incidentally, Winter discounted the possibility of Rodman taking his chance in the Champion Hurdle this week. Winter believes that it would be greedy to go for the Champion with one so young, no matter how good be may be, and that the Triumph Hurdle is the right and proper objective for a horse of his

four successive wins to his name, few would quibble with that. Rodman is currently resting on his laurels, enjoying a well-deserved break, but even in his absence we are unlikely to forget him.

Today's field includes three of those who have been beaten by him this season, and it will be interesting to see how they fare in his absence. Running for the first time and lawly his superior on the flat this season, and it will be interesting to see how they fare in his absence. Running for the first time and love was beaten eight lengths by Rodman at Ascot in November. A fortnight later, he paid his conqueror a vivid tribute when he himself went on to win the Christmas Rose Rurdle at Sandown Park in spite of making a bad mistake two hurdles from the finish.

At Cheltenham, it was the turn of Flasher and Pollerton to be put in the Irriumph Hurdle trial. Flasher easily beat Pollerton for second place that day, but that was Pollerton's first race since leaving Paddy Prendergas's stable in Ireland and joining Harry Thomson Jones's

# Kent to train promising Colonel Parker

Derek Kent, who is Chichester based, will train five borses, for the flat, including the highly-promising Colonel Parker, for a senior ralls bookmaker, Hector Macdonald, next season. Colonel Parker, an impressive winner at Newmarket last summer, will be joined by the staying bandicapper, Drink Up, Hang On Elvis, and two yearling colts.

12.30 (12.31) PARTRIDGE HURDLE (DIV I: Novices: £484: 2m 120 yds)
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ALSO RAN: 66-1 Pongee Bay (4th).
100-1 Keyorston, Buckylle. Moving
Spirit. Snow Hope (u), 8 ran.
TOTE: Win. 350: places. 13p. 11p.
11p. dual forcard. 12p. 6, W. Richards, at Greystoke. 5, 6l. Colonel
Crocket did not run.

CHASE (Handicap: SI, 724: 5m)
Rambifing Jock. ch 9, by Wreikin
Rambifor—Gilliana (Ma) H.
Baillie), 6-10-0

Cantabet ... G. Faulkner (11-1) 2
Tamalin D. Goulding (Prens fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 14-1 Border Brig (f).
More Wayward (p). 5 tan.
TOTE: Win, 19p; dual torecast, 52p.
K. Oliver, at Hawick, 41, 15i.

2.0 (2.1) GAME BIRD STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices bandicap: \$822: 2',m)

2',m)
Sun Lien, br g by Sunny Way—
Winnars (J. Cumnings; 7-12-0
R. Barry 16-5 (sy) 1
Mounthooly, D. Turnbail (16-2) 2
Snawdrift, ... R. Lamb (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 Prince Maythorn
(f, 11-2 Super Chant (4th), 100-1
Tully Tewn. 6 rar.
TOTE: Win: 17p: places: 12b, 57p:
6mol foreast; £1,08 G. W. Richards at
Greystoke 101, 44.

2.30 (2.30) GROUSS HURDLE Handicap: E841; 2m 120yds;
Newgoto, b c, by Blakency—Set Free (Mrs A. Scott) 4-10-1 tav 1
Colonel Nelson, A. Webb (2-1) 2
Cleo's Asp. D. Goulding (12-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Jane Again (4th),
TOTE; Win: 16p; dual forecast; 34p.
A. Scott at Wooperion 2'zi, 10i,

Beau Brigg, b g, by New Brig-Minibelle (Miss A. Smith) 4-11-0 S. Chariton (13-2) 1 Keiso Chant, A. Harrison (6-5) 2 Sweet Georgette, Mr J. Walton (53-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Nellie's Lad (f'. 25-1 All Bright (4th), 100-1 Gibbsnesse, 6 ran.

TOTE: Win: 79p; places: 22p, 11p; dual forecast: 59p R. Cross at Aluwick 151, 201, Kellos Brig did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Rambing Jack and Newgate C4.60, Tickels B3 TREBLE: Blebops Pawn. Sun Lion and Best Brigg \$15.75.

12.45 (12.47) WASPERTON HURDLE DIV [: Novices: £369: 2m)

Remrod ... J. Francome 4-1: 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Nox Tomotrow. 33-1
Alamod, Gullsway 14th; Mirlbus, Sea
Hoather, 50-1 Miz Madonna 19; 100-1
Sarby, Far Beyond, Gals, Prince Kumar
II. Real Tarlar, Sovereigns Colour,
Farka Cal. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win. 23p; places, 15p, 15p,
13p; dual forecast, 55p. R. Turnoli,
laribotough, 11, 31. Go Free did not
un.

1.15 (1.17) WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II; Novices: £580; 2m)

Warwick

Yachting

Newcastle results

"My association with Hector their share of races next season. Mactonald goes back 30 years. Mr Macdonald has also sent me when he had horses with my old guv'nor. Jack Reardon, at Epson ", Kent said. "Pve high won eight races, and a Sweet hopes of Coionel Parker, who had some useful form last season and should make a good three-year old.
"Driak Up and Hang on Elvis have been gelded and should win Newmarket.

Leicester programme 12.45 HOBY HURDLE (£393 : 2m)



2.15 QUORN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £910: 2m)

Newbury programme

30 ELCOT PARK STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Pater Sizea Landing (Novice Pater Scot (D), D. Gandolfo, 6-11-10.
Roby Hill, D. Nicholson, 6-11-10.
Bibe Fire (D), H. O'Nell, 9-11-5.
Flord, C. Boyrick, 7-11-5.
Samuel Perry (D), F. Rimel, 6-11-5.
Glorglish, P. Arthur, 5-11-0.
Northumberland, J. Old, 7-11-0. 1.0 HUNGERFORD STEEPLECHASE (£926: 24m) 72 011732 Lyon dei Mar, D. Nicholson, 8-11-5 ..... 95 1-30124 Star Dyker, F. Walwyn, 7-11-5 64 43pub Weish Dresser, R. O'Neill, 6-11-5 4-6 Star Dyker, 13-8 Lyon dei Mar, 14-1 Weish Drosser. 1.30 CHALLOW HURDLE (3-y-o: £1.810: 2m 100vd)

ALLOW HURDLE (3-y-0: £1,810: 2m 100
21 Persian Crown, R. Turnell. 11-7
Aliantic Bridge, G. Balding, 11-0
Baydon Exilon, P. M. 11-0
Clothes Line, A. Pill. 11-0
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Mes Shwar, A. Moore, 11-0
Byllerton, Thomson Jones, 11-0
Scranalel, G. Ernstand, 11-0
Tombela, G. Kinderskey, 11-0
Tombela, G. Kinderskey, 11-0
Dilerion, 4-1 Sissher, S-1 Persian Crown, 8-1 C 2.0 WEYHILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £938: 3m)

Venges Brake
J. Francome (100-30 fav) 2
Colonial Lad ... W. Smith (130-1) .3 TOTE: Win, £1.61: places, 54p, 25p, 26p: dual forecast, £9.48, G. H. Price, Leominster, 41, 31, 1.45 (1.45) MOLLINGTON STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: £858; 5'om 3005 di Gay Spartan, b g, by Spartan

Genaral—Copper Lace (M. Armstrong), 6-12-0
M. Discinson (6-5 Pay) 1
Jean Fremier ... K. Gray (35-1) 2
Foldmen ... B. Smart (4-1) 3
ALSO Reve ... B. Smart (4-1) 3
ALSO Reve ... Copper ... Reve 3.15 (2.18) WICKTH HURDLE (Handi-cap: £729; 2m 5t) Capter, b g, by Giolia Mean—Buvelo (R. Walts, 8-11-10 W. Smith (9-4) 1
Complety Lee Griffiths (10-1) 2
Ask For Roger Ask For Roger C. Smith (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Prince of Pleasure
(4h), 6-1 Soucy Upham, 20-1 Race

Trainer and son asked to explain success

The resounding victory of Gay spartan under top weight in the Mollington Handicary Steeplechase at Warwick yesterday, after his disappointing display at Carlisle a formaght ago—when he was tailed off at halfway and eventually pulled up—put the Guisburn trainer, Tuny Dickinson, and his jockey son, Michaels before the stewards.

They were asked about the difference in running and their explanation was accepted. This was that at Carlisle, Gay Spartan dropped his hit early in the race, was never going well and when examined by a veterinary surgeon, was found to be running a temperature.

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température.

"We were very worried about the horse at Carlisle", said Tony Dickinson, who saddled Gay Spartan to win five of six steeple-

of fertimist, who had joined him a fence earlier.

Gry Spartan Came to the last chestele with plenty in hand and went on to win from an outsider. Jean Premier, with Fertimist a further length away third. Gay Spartan was giving a couple of some to each of these. Bailymore was lying a close third when he fell five fences out.

Mrs Val Haslam, the wife of Dick Hern's mavelling head ladity Easter", has a versatile performer in Criticism, whom she leaght "for the price of a postage symm," as a food at Doncaster Sales.

Now sin years old, Criticism added a fencing victory to a success over hurdles and a win on the flat, when he landed the Moreton Morrell Novices' Steeple-chase from No Dea't and Queen Spartan to win five of six steeplechases last season and also scored
with him at Hexham before that
unsuccessful Carliste venture.

The six-year-old's Irish owners,
Matt Armstrong and James Lilley,
travelled to Warwick to see him
treat the opposition with disdain,
Gay Spartan was never out of
the first three throughout the

# Rambling Jack succeeds as Tamalin disappoints

Gordon Richards, the Greystoke tradner, was in sparkling form with a double via Justafancy and Sun Lion at Newcastle yesterday, but in the feature roce, the Northumbria Handicap Sreeplechase, his Tamalin, even-money fayourite, trailed in 19 lengths—last of the three Enishers—behilud Rambling Jack. A Darlington farmer. Alan Metcalfe, whose Tamalin has now had 20 victorles, threatens to pull his horse out of training. "What chance has a horse got of giving weight away like that", Mr Metcalfe said.

Rambling Jack, the first leg of a double for Jonjo O'Neill—who was also successful on Newsate—

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1 2-00041 Irish Quickstaps. S. Natids. 7-11-8 ... K. Gray.

4 0430 Arctic Granada. J. Edwards. 6-10-12 ... P. Blacker.

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12 040-000 Paylor Dollbern Lass. J. O'Nordo, 5-10-12 ... M. Dickin.

13 14043 Spartas Tudor. S. Nordo, 5-10-12 ... G. Graham 5

15 0-21023 Saper Gizzopta. A. Jarvis. 5-10-13 ... S. J. O'Neill 3

5-2 Lirah Quickstend. 100-30 Super Gizzopta. 5-1 Jackstones. 7-1 Aurelianus.

8-1 Spartan Tudor. 10-1 Arctic Granada. 14-1 others. 3.15 PYTCHLEY HURDLE (Novices: Handicap: 5585: 2m) 

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Lloyd Ardus. 1.15 Charlotson. 1.45 Sharageen. 2.15 Dyscole. 2.45 Super Glazepts. 3.15 Red Phantom. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Porto Rics.

0118-90 Posh Saree (D), D Ancil, 7-11-3 ...... S. C. Knight O118-21 Outle Bridal (C-D), F. Walwyn, 6-11-1 W. Smith 111072 Orillo (C-D), G. Raiding, R-10-13 ..... R. Linicy Double Bridal, 2-1 Filtgrove, 5-2 Orillo, 11-1 Posh Saree. 2.30 RAMSBURY HURDLE (4-y-o: £920: 23m 120yd)

2.30 KAMSBURY HURDLE (4-y-0: £920: £ 501 312210 Live Spark (C), M. Goswell, 11-6. 502 4-22131 Prince Henham, N. Colleghan, 11-6. 507 032-013 Reskall, F. Haloyn, 11-6. 509 0 Chaes The Aco, D. Earons, 10-12. 512 3 1-2 Chaes The Aco, D. Earons, 10-12. 513 04-1 Each anthony, R. Turnell, 10-12. 514 00-0301 Each Anthony, R. Turnell, 10-12. 515 04-1 Killwarren, F. Winler, 10-12. 517 00000 Saday Grey, N. Micholl, 10-12. 518 Shop, D. Barons, 10-12. 519 11-4 Rustlaft, 3-1 Prince Henham, 4-1 Bagshot, 9. Anthony, 12-1 Live Spark, 20-1 Ski Shop, 25-1 others. 3.0 ABINGDON HURDLE (Handicap: £629: 3m 120yd)

Newbury selections

By Our Racing-Correspondent 12.30 Peter Scot. 1.0 Lyon del Mar. 1.30 Persian Crown. 2.0 Double Bridal. 2.30 Killwarren. 3.0 In Vision. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 Pollerton, 2.30 Prince Henbam.

Riot (p), 33-1 Super Princess (p), 3.15 (3.18) WASPERTON HURBLE 7 ran, (Djy III: povices; £571; 2m) 2.45 (2.47) MORETON MORRELL -- STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 2642; ALSO RAN: Evens fav Snow-hill Saller (n. 9-3 Rei Rig (f., 22-1 Ruhall Grunge, 33-1 Miss Kijo (4th). 50-1 Carter Wood. 8 ran. TOTE: Win, 52p: places, 20p, 7 20p: dual forecast, £14,62, Armylago, at East Ililey, 128, 11st.

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Guoy, 20-1 Beach Party, 50-1 Brosslaw, Delrombe, Mont St. Michel,
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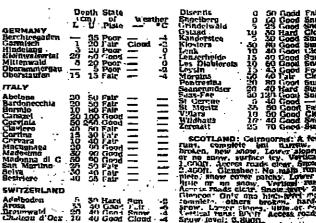
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper stopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



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Kialoa II finishes 16 miles ahead of rival

Hobart, Dec 29.—An American ketch, Kialoa II, was first over the finishing line today in the 630-mile Sydney to Hobart yacht race, after a gripping struggle with another American yacht, Windward Passage, over the finish stages.

Jim Kliroy, the skipper, pushed the welte-hulled Kialoa to the line almost 16 miles ahead of Wind-

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June 10-11: British terget championships,

Stone-leigh. June 28-30: Grand National tournament, Stonele gn.

Aug 5-6: European target chempionships,

## Athletics

Jan 27-28: British indoor championships, Feb 11: Britain v West Germany, Cosford. Feb 17: East Germany v Britain, Senften-

Mar 1 : Britain v Spain, men, Cosford. Mar 4: English cross-country championships, Leeds. Mar 11-12: European indoor championships, Milan. Mar 14: Europe v United States, indoors,

Mar 25: International cross-country championships, Glasgow. June 10-11: Britain v East Germany, Crystal Palace. June 23-24: AAA championships, Crystal Palace. June 2425: Prance v Britain, women,

July 2: Britain v Bulgaria, women, Crystal Palace. July 14-16: United Kingdom closed championships, Meadowbank Aug 18-19: Women's AAA championships,

Crystal Palace.
And 29-Sept 3: European chempionships. Sept 9-10: Britain v Soviet Union v Finland, Crystal Palace. Sept 15: IAC meeting, Crystal Palace.

## Badminton

Jan 3 : Denmerk v England, Copenhagen. Jan 4: Sweden v England, Trelleborg, Jan 19: Scotland v England. Feb 16: Uber Cup, European zone semi-final tie, England v Canada or Nether-lands, Washington, Durham. March 15-18: All-England championships, Wemb'ev.

April 9-15: European championships. Preston May 13-30: Uber Cup, inter-zone finals, New Zealand.

# Pasketball

: March 28: European Cup Winners' Cup final.

April 1: English Cup tituds, men and waren. Wembley

April 6: European Cup final.

April 7 and 14: British Federation Cup

Aug 19-Sent 3.: Commonwealth chempionships, in Wales, Scotland and Eugland, Oct 1-14: World championships, Manila.

## Billiards, snooker

Feb 6-10: Mosters snooker tournament, New London Theatre.
Feb 27-March 18: English amateur billiards championship, Middlesbrough. April 13-15: English amateur snocker championship, All-England final, Black-April 17-29: World professional snooker championship, Sheffield.

## Bobsleigh, toboggan

lan 7-8: European four-man bob chompionships, Igls. Jan 1415: Heaton Gold Cup, Cresta Run, St Moritz: European two-mun bob championship, Igls. Jan 21-22: Curzon Cup, Cresta Run; World tohoggan championships, Imst. lan 28-29: Brabsson Trophy, Cresta Run; British tuboggan championships, Ham-

mersurand (prov). Feb 1: Services Cresta championship. Feb 4: Morgan Cup, Cresta Run. Feb 45: European toboggan champion-

stims. Hammerstrand: World two-man hob chempionship, Lake Placid. Feb 11: Cresta Grand National. Feb 11-12: World four-man ceb champion-

ship, Lake Placid.

# Rowls

lune 911: EBA Masters singles tournament, Worthing. me 19-21 : Home internationals, women. Cardiff une 22: British Isles championships, Women, Card ft. 1 34: British Isles championships, men. Glasgov. lely 5-7: Home internationals, men,

us 7-16: English women's championships, Learnington. lug 14:26: EBA and county champion-ship finals, Worthing.

Calendar of world sport for 19 Nobody, of course, should blame individuals for wishing to make the most of their talents, especially now that so much dedication, time and travel is required at the higher levels. Anyone, though, a year ago who prophesied that this week 50 of the world's leading cricketers would be working for a private

promoter rather than playing Test matches would have been in danger of being certified. Yet it has happened and that is why athletics for instance should not ignore the potential threat from he Dubai circus. A measure of scepticism is permissible in all the cases that can be cited, but it explains why football will continue to face the possibility of the United States creaming off the best from Europe and South America. Why renewed moves can be expected, somer or later, for semi-professionalism, perhaps, in rugby union; and, in a lesser sport, why badminton is already in the throes of a

wounding struggle.
There was irony attached to the remarks of the All England Club official last week when he said the amount of money tennis players earned was "almost indecent". Tennis led the way along this particular path a few years

ago. What does he think about Muhammad Ali's 510m title defence planned or 1978 or the £170,000 at stake for the winner of the Dubai mile race? Mr Justice Slade said in the course of his Packer judgment that he was surprised a promoter had not moved into cricket earlier. His view, surely, might equally be applied to everal other sports in an age of commercial exploitation, takeovers and contractual opportunities, it would have been naive to assume that sportsmen would escape becoming embroiled.

Turning to more tangible things, the preliminary groups for the World Cup programme in June will be drawn in . programme in June will be drawn in Buenos Aires on January 14. Scioland for the second successive tournament will be the only British Isles representatives in the final stages. The matches will once again pose the challenge however the Old World and the New whether European sides, not least West Germany, the holders, can win in South America, something that has never happened.

The Commonwealth Games should bring their full quote of memorable performtheir full quots of memorable performances and a chance to put them in perspective with those achieved at the African Games in Algiers immediately

beforehand from July 13-28 and the Asian Games in Bangkok from December 9-22. In several sports the British competitors at Edmonton have important engagements in Europe as soon as they return. Any swimmers chosen for the world champion-ships' in West Berlin from August 18-28 will not even stay for the closing ceremony in Canada as they return promptly for acclimatization purposes. Athletics competitors must attain their peak again at the European championships in Prague from August 29 to Scotember 3 and the lawn bowlers rush back for the EBA championships at Worthing from August

Golf's world cup returns to the British Isles for the first time since 1960 when it is staged at Waterville from July 6-9 and in tennis the British hard court championships are back on the calendar, though later than they used to be, at Bournemouth from September 18-24. England stages both the men's lacrosse world championships at Stockport from July 1-8 and also the European badminton championships at Preston from April



Edmonton: trading post 1795, Klondyke gold rush 1896, Commonwealth Games 1978.

Feb 11: Schweppes Gold Trophy, hurdle,

Newhury.
March 15: Champion Hurdle, Chelteuham.
March 16: Gold Cup, Cheltenham.
April 1: Grand National, Liverpool.
April 8: Lincoln Eandicap, Doncaster.

June 24: Irish Derby, the Curragh 1 orov).
July 8: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park.
July 22: King George VI and Queen
Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot.
Vil 27: 20: Control of Stakes, Ascot.

July 25-29: Goodwood meeting. Aug 22: Benson and Hedges Gold Cup,

York.
Sept 16: St Leger Stakes, Doncaster.
Sept 22: Ayr Gold Cup.
Oct 1: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe,

Longchamp. Oct 7: Cambridgeshire Handicap, New-

market. Oct 21: Champion Stakes, Cesarewitch

Handicap, Newmarket.
Oct 28: William Hill Futurity Stakes,
Doncaster..
Nov 25: Hennessy Gold Cup, Newbury.
Dec 26: King George VI Steeplechase,
Kempton Park.

Feb 5-12: Amateur rackets singles cham-pionship, Queen's Club. April 13-16: Bathurst Cup real tennis,

April 22-30: Amateur real tennis singles

championship, Queen's Club.

May 13-21: Henry Leaf real tennis trophy finals, Queen's Club.

March 18: Head of the River, Mortlake

to Putney.

March 25: University Boat Race (2.30).

May 24-27: Oxford Summer Eights (provisional).

June 7-10: Cambridge May Races

(provisional).

June 24-25: Nortinghamshire Internatio-

nal, Nottingham. june 29-July 2: Henley Royal Regatta. July 15-16: British championships,

July 21: Doggett's Coat and Badge, London Bridge to Chelsea (11.30). Oct 30-Nov 5: Men's and women's world championships, New Zealand.

Rugby League

May 20: Premiership final.

Rugby Union

Jan 28: Players competition, final. Feb 19: Wales v England, Swansea.

March 5: France v England.
May 13: Challenge Cup final, Wembley.

Jan 18: England v Australia, 19 group,

Twickenbam.

Jan 21: France v England, Paris; Ireland v Scotland, Dublin.

Feb 4: England v Wales, Twickenham; Scotland v France, Murrayfield.

Feb 18: France v Ireland, Paris; Wales v Scotland, Cardiff.

March 4: Scotland v England, Murrayfield; Ireland v Wales, Dublin.

March 8: UAU final, Twickenham. March 18: England v Ireland, Twicken-

ham; Wales v France, Cardiff. April 15: John Player Cup final, Twicken-

April 39: Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham.

June 11: Australia v Wales, Brisbane. June 17: Australia v Wales, Sydney. Oct 14: England v Argentina, Twicken-

ham (or Oct 21). Oct-Dec: All Blacks tour of British Isles.

Dec 12: Oxford v Cambridge, Twicken-ham.

March 8-11: National short course cham-

pionships. Cheltenham.

March 25-27: Coca-Cola meeting, Leeds.

April 8-9: Six nations contest, Dortmund. April 21-22: Britain v East Germany v

Swer'en. Crystal Palace. May 26-29: ASA championships, Black-

May 26-28: Four nations water polo,

Crystal Palace.
July 8-9: International Diving Union Cup,

Linz.
July 26-30: European junior champion-

Aug 1419: National age group competi-

tions, Coventry. Aug 18-28: World championships, West Berlin.

Nov 25: Inter-county knockout competi-

Skating
Jan 28-29: European speed champion-

ships, men, Osio. Jan 31-Feb 4: European figure champion-

ships, Strasbourg.
Feb 11-12: World sprint championships,

Nov 28-29: British figure championships,

Swimming

ships. Florence.

tion final, Nuneaton.

Norringham.

Rowing

July 15-16: Nottingham.

Rackets, real tennis

May 4: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket.
May 6: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket.
June 4: French Derby, Chantilly.
June 7: Derby, Epsom.

June 10: Oaks, Epsom. June 20-23: Royal Ascot.

Racing

## Commonwealth games Athletics: Aug 6-12 (Commonwealth

Bodminton: Aug 411 (Alberta Univer-

Bowls: Aug 4-11 (Coronation Greens) Boxing: Aug +11 (Edmonton Gardens).

Cycling: Aug 412 (Argyll Velodrome). Gymmestics: Aug 6-9 (Coliseum).

Caoting: Aug 5-10 (Strathcona Range). Swimming: Aug 49 (Kinsmen Sports Centre

Weight!ifting : Aug 3-8 ( Jubilec

Wrestling: Aug 9-11 (Alberta Univer-

werily.

Boxing July 1: British men's chamcionship, fourth division, River Hungpill. Jan 11: England v Scotland, Gloucester. Jan 30: England v France, Cunard Hotel. Feb 15: Muhammad Ali v Leon Spinks, July 15: British women's chempionship, River Nene. Aug 19: British men's chempionship, third division, River Withom. Las Vegas.
May 5: ABA finals, Wembley.
May 6-20: World amateur championships, Sept 9 : British men's championship, first division, River Ayon. Sept 17: World championships, New Danube, Victura.
Sept 23: British men's championship, second division, River Trent.

By Richard Streeton
No crystal ball is needed to predict that sport in 1978 for many people will be dominated by World Cup football in Argentina and the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada, Or that apartheid

and other political issues, together with reverberations from the Packer affair,

both in cricket and other games, will

continue to intrude upon the sports pages. The struggles between various governing bodies in sport and leading commercial and television interests, can

be expected to intensify over the next 12.

the calendar below, but these could provide the most significant happenings of all in sport. There seems to be colimit to the money cascading into sport from big business, through sponsorship and other channels. A lot of its influence is beneficiel, although it has some murky

areas as well, and the dangers tend to get overlooked. As sportsmen seize chances to accrue in a few weeks more.

than their fathers carned in a lifetime, it behoves administrators to reappraise structures and standards and to tread

It is impossible to list these clashes in

# Canoeing

May 13-14: British open wild water championships.
June 1-4: Sistom international (Trywer-July 8-9: British sprunt customar Holme Pierrepont.
Aug 10-13: World Championships, Bel-8-9: British sprint championships, grade.

Aug 26-28: British long distance championships.

## Croquet

May 15-20: Peel memorials, Chekenham. June 19-24: Men's and women's championships, Cheltenham. July 17-22: Open championships, Hurling. Sept 30-Oct 1: All England handicap finals, Roehampton.

#### Cycling

May 28-June 10: Tour of Britain.

June 25: British professional road race championship, Coventry.

June 29-July 23: Tour de France.

July 2: British amateur road race championship, Caistor; British women's road race championships; Sutton Bonnington; London-York professional race.

July 14-18: Scottish milk race.

July 14-23: British track championships,

Leicester.

Leicester. Aug 8-12: Glasgow-London professional Ang 16-27: World championships, Munich, Cologne and Nürburgring.

# Cricket

Jan 2-7 : Pakistan v England, Hyderabad. Jan 7-12 : Australia v India, Sydney. Jan 13-17 : Packer Australian XI v World XI, Melbourne. Jan 18-23: Pakistan v England, Karachi. Jan 27-31: Packer Australian XI, v World XI. Perth: Ian 28-Feb 2 : Australia v Iodia, Adelaide. Feb 9-13 : Packer Australian XI v World

XI, Sydney Feb 10-15: New Zealand v England, Wellington. Feb 24-March 1: New Zealand v England. March 4-9 (or 10): New Zealand v England, Auckland. May 24: England v Pakistan, Manchester May 26: England v Pakistan, Oval (one day). June 1-6: England v Pakistan, Birming-June 15-20: England v Pakistan, Lord's. June 29-July 4: England v Pakistan, Leeds.
July 15: England v New Zealand, Scarborough (one day).
July 17: England v New Zealand, Manchester (one day).
July 22: Benson and Hedges Cup final, July 27-Aug 1: England v New Zealand, Oval. Aug 10-15; England v New Zealand, Nottingham. Aug 34-29: England v New Zealand,

# **Equestrianism**

April 13-16: Badminton Horse Trials. May 11-14: Royal Windsor Horse Show. May 26-29: Embassy show jumping, Hick-

Sept 2: Gillette Cup final, Lord's.

May 31-June 3: Royal Bath and West Show. June 16-18: Benson and Hedges fournament, Cordiff.
July 2-6: Royal Show, Stoneleigh.
July 5-9: World dressage championship, Goodwood. July 13-16: British Jumping Derby, Hickstead.
July 17-22: Royal International Horse Show, Wembley.

Aug 3-6: Nations Cup meeting, Hickstead. Aug 8-13: Royal Dublin Society show. Aug 15-19: World driving championship,

Budapest. Aug 16-20: World show jumping championship, Aachen.
Aug 25-Sept 8: Wills British champion-

shin, Hickstead.

Aug 31-Sept 3: Burghley horse trials.

Scot 14-17: World three-day event championship, Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct 2-7: Horse of the Year show, Dec 14-18: Olympia show.

Fencing Feb 4-5: Ceronation Cup, men's foil, de Beaumont Centre. Feb 11-12: C-L de Beaumont Cup, women's foil, de Beaumont Centre.

March 4: Martini epée competition,
de Beaumont Centre and Seymour Hall.

April 89: Corble Cup, sabre event, de Beaumont Centre.

April 15-16: British epée championship.

April 22-23: British foil championship, men, de Beaumont Centre. April 29-30: British sabre championship and British foil championship, women, de Beaumont Centre. July 13-23: World championships, Ham-

# Football's leading fixtures

# World Cup Argentina June 1-25

(Sixteen countries play in four groups) June 2, 6 and 10: Group one matches at Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata. June 1, 2, 6 and 10: Group two matches at Buenos Aires, Rosairo and Cordoba. June 3, 7 and 11: Group three matches at Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata.

#### Other fixtures

Feb 22: West Germany v England, March 18: Football League Cup final, Wembley.

April 19: England v Brazil, Wembley.

April 26: Uefa Cup final, first leg.

May 3: European Cup Winners' Cup final,

May 6: FA Cup final, Wembley: Scottish Cup final, Glasgow. May 9: Uefa Cup final, second leg (or May 11).
May 10: European Cup final, Wembley.
May 13: Wales v England, Cardiff;
Northern Ireland v Scotland, Belfast. June 14, 18 and 21: Group B second round play-offs in Rosario and Mendoza. June 24: Third place play-off, Buenos Aires.

June 25: Final Buenos Aires.

June 3, 7 and 11: Group four matches at Cordoba and Mendoza. (Top two from each group qualify for

June 14, 18 and 21: Group A second round

play-offs in Buenos Aires and Cordoba.

May 16: England v Northern Ireland, Wembley May 17: Scotland v Wales, Glasgow. May 19: Wales v Northern Ireland, Wrezham.

May 20: Scotland v England, Glasgow. May 24: England v Hungary, Wembley. Sept 20: European championship: Denmark v England, Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland.

Oct 25: European championship: Repub-lic of Ireland v England, Northern Ireland v Denmark. Nov 29: European championship: Bulgaria v Northern Ireland.

# **Gliding**

May 20-29: British championships, Lasham, Alton.

Ang 19-28: Buropean championships,
Nympstield, Stroud.

Golf April 69: United States Masters, Augusta. May 67: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham. May 19-21: Brabazon trophy, Woodhall May 26-29: PGA championship, Royal June 5-10: British Amateur championship,

June 6-10: British women's championship, Notes.
June 15-18: United States Open
July 6-9: World Cup, Waterville, Co Kerry.
July 12-15: Open championship St

Andrews.

July 24-29: English Amateur championship, Royal Birkdale.

July 26-29: British women's strokeplay championship, Foxbills.

Aug 26: Colgate women's tournament, Sunningdale.

Sunningdale.

Aug 3-6: United States PGA championship, Oakmont.

Aug 4-5: St Andrews trophy (Great
Britain v Continent), Brement.

Aug 4-5: Curtis Cup, Apawamis, New
York.

Oct 4-7: Dunlop Masters, St Pierre,
Characters Cherstow. Oct 12-15: Colgate matchplay tournament, Wentworth. Oct 19-22: European Open, London area.

# Greyhound racing April 8: Grand National, White City. June 24: Derby, White City.

# Sept 4: St Leger, Wembley.

**Gymnastics** Jan 21: Champions Cup, Albert Hall. April 15: Champions All tournament, Wembley.

May 5-7: British men's championships, Coventry.

May 13: British women's championships,

venue undecided.

Dec 5-6: British international tournament, venue undecided. Hockey March 4: Wales v England, women, Llanelli.

March 5: County final.

March 11: England v United States, women. Wembley. . March 11-12: International festival, Lord's March 19-April 2: World Cup, Buenos March 28-30: Pive nations tournament, women, Bedford April 1: England v Scotland, women, Chesterfield. April 15: Ireland v England, women, April 29 May 1: International tournament, women, Amstelveen May 7: National club final. May 12-15: European club championships,

## Ice hockey

March 10-19: World championships, pool C. Las Palmas. March 16-27: World championships, pool B, Belgrade. April 26-May 14: World championships. pool A. Prague.

men and women, Barcelona. Sept 2-10: European Nations Cup, Hanover.

April 15: Bricish men's open champion-ships, Crystal Palece. April 25-26: British men's team championships, Bath. May 47: European pionships, Helsinki.

# Lacrosse

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Peb 25: Men's senior flag final, Crystal March 18: Scotland v England, women, Dunfermline College, Edinburgh. March 18: England v Wales, women, Hurlingham.

June 24: South v Australia, men (or June 25).
July 1-8: Men's world championships, Stockport. aly 18-Aug 25: English women's

Sept 23: Iroquois Cup, men.

Modern pentathlon June 19-23: Home internationals, Crystal. Palace.

Aug 10-13: British open championship, Walton on Thames. ug 18-23: World championships, Aug 16--.. Jönköping.

# Motor cycling

Feb 18: World trials championship, April 21-23: World formula 750 world championship, Brands Hatch. May 21: World speedway team championship, Reading.
June 3-9: Isle of Man TT races. June 18: British 250 moto-cross grand prix, Lochgilphead.
July 2: British 500 moto-cross grand prix, July 16: European sidecar cross championship, Newbury.

Aug 5-6: British grand prix, Silverstone.

Sept 2: World individual speedway championship final, Wembley.

Sept 23-24: British grand prix d'Endur-

# Motor racing

ance, Brands Hatch.

Jan 15: Argentine GP, Buenos Aires.
Jan 21-28: Monte Carlo Rally.
Jan 29: Brazilian GP, Rio de Janeiro.
March 4: South African GP, Kyalami. March 19: International Trophy, Silver stone.
April 2: United States GP West, Long May 7: Monaco GP, Monte Carlo May 21: Belgian GP, Zolder.
June 4: Spanish GP, Jarama.
June 10-11: Le Mans.
June 18: Swedish GP, Anderstorp. July 2: French GP, Paul Ricard. July 2: French GP, Paul Ricard.
July 16: British GP, Brands Hatch.
July 30: German GP, Hockenheim.
Aug 13: Austrian GP, Zeitweg.
Aug 27: Dutch GP, Zandvoort.
Sept 10: Italian GP, Monza.
Oct 1: United States GP, Watkins Glen

# Netball

(or Oct 8). Nov 19-23: RAC rally.

Jan 25: England v Wales, Coventry (or 18: England v Northern Ireland, Bristol. March 18: Wales v England, Cardiff. Nov 4: Wembley international.

# **Orienteering**

March 24-27: Jan Kjellström Trophy, Sheffield.
April 30: British relay championships, North-east England. June 11: British championships, Fife.

# Polo

May 21-29: National 14-goal championship, Cirencester. June 4-11: Queen's Cup, Windsor. June 18-25: Royal Windsor Cup, Windsor. July 1-16: Cowdray Park Gold Cup. Cowdray.
July 15-16: Whitbread Cup, Woolmers
Park.
July 18-30: Cowdray Park Challenge Cup, Cowdray.

July 23: WIP Coronation Cup, Windsor.

Aug 6: National team trophy, Cirencester.

Jan 1415: Lauberhorn Cup, Wengen; Martini-Kandahar, Sansicarios. Jan 26-22: Hahnenkamm Trophy, Kitz-bühel. Jan 21-Feb 3: British Nordic champion-ships, Oberjoch.

Jan 29-Feb 5: World Alpine championships Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Feb 8-12: Arlberg-Kandahar Chamonix, Mereve. St Cervais. Feb 17-27: World Nordic championships, Lahti. March 1-5: World biathlon championships, Hochfilzen.
March 16-19: World Cup finals, Arosa.
April 8-9: British Alpine championships. Cairngorm.

## Squash rackets

Jan 13-15: Home internationals, Warring-Jan 25-Feb 6: British amateur championship. Wembley. Feb 17-19: SRPA closed championships. Grantham. Feb 24-March 2: British women's open championships, Wembley. March 15-19: European ampteur team championships, men and women, Ansterdam.

March 28-April 8: British open championships, Wembley.

# Shooting

May 18-20: Eritish open clay pigeon championships, London. July 10-22: NRA meeting, Bisley. Aug 11-12: Eritish open skeet championships, Bedford.

Aug 12-14: British small-hore rifle championship, Bisley.

Aug 24-28: British pistol championship, Bisley. Sept 24-Oct 5: World small-bore championship, South Korea.

# Table tennis

Jan 6: England v China, Middleshrough. Jan 10: England v China, Edmonton. Jan 12-14: English open championships, ships, Woking.
March 10-19: European championships, Duisburg.

April 6: England v Netherlands,

## Tennis

Jan 2-8: Masters tournament, New York. Mar 29-April 2: Virginia Slims finals, Oakland.
May 8-14: WCT singles final, Dallas.
May 22-28: Italian championships, Rome.
May 29-June 11: French championships, Paris.
June 12-18: John Player tournament, June 19-24 : Colgate women's tournament, Eastbourne: Rawlings tournament, Queen's Club. Queen's Club.
June 26-July 8: Wimbledon championships.
Aug 28-Sept 10: United States championships, New York.
Sept 18-24: British hard court championships; Bournemouth.
Nov 2-4: Wightman Cup, London.
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Nov 13-19: Benson and Hedges tournament, London. Nov 27-Dec 3: Federation Cup, Melbourne.

# Dec 18-28: Australian championships, Melbourne.

Water skiing June 3-4: Old Spice international, June 24: British Grand Prix, Burnhamon-Sea.
July 15-16: British championships,
Thorpe Water Park.

# Weightlifting

March 4: British championships, Man-chester. May 1: Britain v China, Bristol. June 7:19: European championships, Havirov, Czechoslovskia. Sept 29-Oct 9: World championships, Teheran.

# Wrestling

April 8: English championships, Bexley. April 21-23: European Greco-Roman championships, Oslo.

May 57: European free-style champion-ships, Sofia.

May 27: British championships, Glasgow.

June 3: British championships, Glasgow.

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Sept 3-6: World Greco-Roman championships, Mexico City.
Sept 7-10: World free-style championships, Mexico City.

June 3-9: Weymouth Olympic classes'. June 3: Round Ireland race starts, Falmouth. July 9-14: Edward Heath and James Cook series, Channel/Cowes. July 22-28: Korser world championship, Grafibam Water.

# **Yachting**

Lake Placid. Feb 25-26: World speed championships, men, Göteborg.

March 45: World speed championships,
women, Helsinki. March 7-11: World figure championships, Ottawa.

Nov 5-6: Richmond Trophy, Richmond.

Nov 18: British ice dance championship, July 23-28: Euterprise world champion-ship, Paignton. July 29-Aug 6: Cowes Week. Aug 13-26: Half Ton Cup world cham-pionship, Poole.



# Cottages to let with all mod cons-official

Last summer a colleague rented a Deyon cottage for his family holiday. It was advertised as having a bedroom, a sitting ro. m, and a kitchen. Only when he arrived did he discover that all three were in fact in the same small space. The family gave up the holiday after one uncomfortable night, and returned home. They had no redress. The consumer's usual protections do not apply when doing business with private individuals.

Of course most people hiring holiday comages in Britain this summer will be fully satisfied. But the fact remains that the trade is unregulated, and that charges and standards vary enormously. Agencies: take large mark-ups on rentals, and holi-day homes belonging to organizations with reputations to maintain, such as the National Trust and Landmark Trust, have to be booked years rather than months thead although they are by no means them.

They do things differently in France. In Britain not even the hotels are officially inspected or classified. In France, where there is a passion for placing things in categories, even the country holiday cottages are officially graded

Last year 500 British families called at the French Government Tourist Office (178 Piccadilly) to book holidays in Gites de France—urivarely owned holiday homes and modernized to set standards with the aid of government improvement grants and low-cost loads. This year the service is being expanded and bookings will also be taken by post.

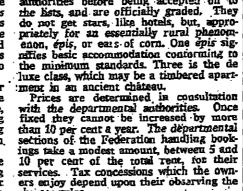
The Gites (the word means the form, or nest of a harm, are administered by the

nest, of a hare) are administered by the Federation Nationale des Gites de France, a para-governmental, non-profit-making organization, responsible for developing the self-catering rural holiday market in

In return for the financial assistance In return for the infericial assistance they get in modernizing and equipping what are usually redundant cottages or farm buildings, gite owners have to sign and abide by a strict charter. The provisions cover the standards of comfort-equipment and amenicies. No gite, for example, is without an internal, flushing, ventilated toilet.

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The owners are also obliged to ensure that they, or their representatives, are available close at hand to welcome guests, deal with any problems, and provide information.



Gites are inspected by the departmental

authorities before being accepted on to

The result is that, especially with the pound strengthening against the franc, gites represent an exceptional holiday bargain. An average gite for five, with two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom, costs £30 to £45 a week; according to season. Prices can be as low as £15

to season. Prices can he as low as £15 a week in the off-season.

I stayed at a delightful gite in the Manche last summer, and took the opportunity to inspect several others. Our own cortage, with three double bedrooms and a huge living-dining room with all the iron utensils required for cooking over blazing wood fires in the open cheminée (and a modern electric cooker in the modern kitchen) cost 370 francs in June or September 470 in July or August.

chen) cost 3/0 francs in June or September, 470 in July or Angust.

In the standard of equipment and decoration it surpassed anything. I have seen in self-catering accommodation in Britain, but it rated only two épisbecause the bathroom was on the ground floor, rather distant from the bedrooms, and the exterior rather lain.

and the exterior rather plain.
On the other hand we had farmyard animals at the backdoor, and neighbour-ing farmers kept us supplied with fresh picked strawberries, corn-fed chicken, and fresh cream. We had two coasts within easy

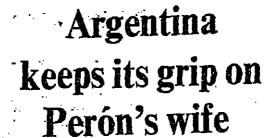
driving distance.
There are 23,000 gives in France all told. There are even gites in the French West Indies, Martinique and Guadeloupe, as well as a couple of hundred in Corsica. The department with the largest number is Savoie, followed by Ardeche, Isere, Finistère, Aude and Dordogne.

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To book a gite it is necessary to join the British section of the Federation. Membership costs £3.50, and includes a copy of the French Form and Village Holiday Guide listing and illustrating 1,000 gites, and otherwise obtainable from major booksellers at £1.95, or direct from Euro States Publishing, 14 Sun Street, ECZM 2QA. The British section's address is 178 Piccadilly, London WIV OAL.

The French Travel Service have also introduced package holidays using gite accommodation, from £42 per person per week including cross-Channel farry fares. Full details of these are available from British Rail travel centres.

Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent



On Christmas Eve, Maria Estela Peron, who so pathetically misruled Argentina for 21 months, began her twenty-second month of imprisonment. No other deposed Argentine president this century has been detained for so long. But Senora Peron, who is trapped as much by her past and the shadow of her late husband as by the will of her military jailers, faces the likelihood of further unhappy years of

detention shead.

With a recent suicide attempt behind her, the fragile excabaret girl and ex-president is confined to a wired-off com-pound inside the Azerardo navy base 200 miles from Buenos Aires. If some reports can be credited, she would happily enter a Spanish convent and forget about

Argentina and Peronism.

For a woman of 46, bereft of political gifts, who inslaved herself to Juan Domingo Peron nearly two decades ago-becoming a prisoner of his politics, then of the presidency and now of her military analysis are appropriately as a second to be presidency and now of her military appropriate agrangement is an understand.

or the presidency and now or her initially overthrowers, escapism is an understandable sentiment.

But it is not likely to be satisfied, unless humanitarian considerations intervene. The military Junta will not easily forget Señora Perón's stubbornness, hysterics and

devotion to Perón. During Argentina's darkest hour she revealed only brief flashes of political common sense, and the Junta will hardly risk her railying Peronism from Spanish exile, as Perón did for many years

for many years.

The reported hopes of some Peronists The reported hopes of some Peronists that she may soon be set free in Argentina appear even dreamier. For without her, the Junta can hope that Peronism, with its stulitiying statism, anti-economic nationalism and egocentric populism, will sink into oblivion. For 30 years it has been Argentinn's main political force, a sibling of fascist ideologies of the 1930s which has long helped make Argentina ungovernable.

Whatever the discredit and disintegration brought upon the movement by its disastrous 1973-76 government, it has a history of remarkable resilience. The military interest must be to avert its further resurrection if they are to build the promised "new republic" along modern and democratic lines.

modern and democratic lines. in the second and conditions the second and conditions for Sedora Perón's hopes of freedom that the military plan to rule another 10 years to achieve this. It is equally ominous that the eventual destiny of now-leaderless Peronist votes, and control of Peropist unions, will largely decide Argentina's future. The struggle to grab them will shape its politics for years, and Senora Peron will be either a pawn or a queen in the game.

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There are populists enough in today's Argentina eager to inherit Peron's constituency. Some, like Peron, are military men, though lacking his schooling in Mussolini's Italy. Prominent generals can already be tentatively identified playing to the masses and the Peronist unions, hindering President Jorge Rafael Videia's effort to bury the past and modernize the efforts to bury the past and modernize the country. Even Admiral Emilio Massera, Junta member and navy commander, is often identified among them, particularly as the chief critic of austere economic policies designed to restore the economy, establish a free market system and sweep

establish a free market system and sweep away built-in fieldoms.

Señora Perón's magic name may one day drag her into this emerging power game. Indeed, the Peronist movement is not dead yet, and whenever its adherents gather her name is still enthusiastically chorused. "If she definitely drops the bunch who surrounded her in office we will still recognize her as our leader", declares Señor Juan José Taccone, veteran leader of a Peronist labour organization.

But at present the Junta wants her sentenced on corruption charges in the civil courts, partly because this could grant some post facto legitimacy to her overthrow. They also need her evidence in similar cases against her former colleagues.

The seven cases against Señora Perón include alleged embezzlement of millions of

The seven cases against Senora Peron include alleged embezzlement of millions of dollars of public money. Some appear quite filmsy, but the possible sentences range up to eight years jail and it may be two years before any judgments are reached. Until then she is being detained by court order. Her early release is unlikely on technical grounds. President Videla cannot legally pardon her before sentencing, so the judges would have to quash each case in unison to make it possible.

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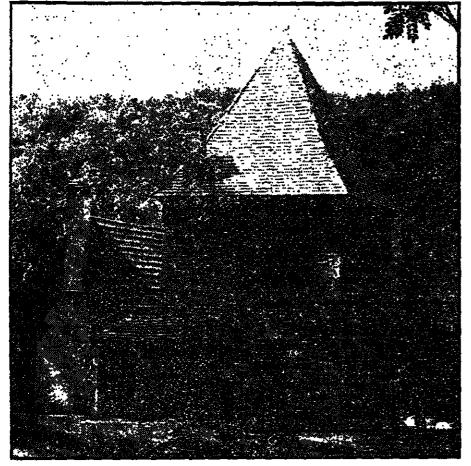
Even that would not guarantee Señora Perón's freedom. She is simultaneously held under the Junta's "Act of Institutional Responsibility" by which she and about 50 others have lost their property, freedom and political rights for allegedly culpable irresponsibility in office.

This may all seem harsh on a small town dancing girl who married a big-time ex-dictator and then did her incompetent best when he returned to power, died, and left her as president. But if the penalties Argentina's rulers pay are to be commensurate with the disasters they bring. Señora Perón might well consider herself comfortably off in her three-room officer's bungalow at the Azopardo base. She has her poodle, her Spanish maid and her garden. Her solitary friend, Señora Cuca de Marco, wife of an ex-minister, comes to stay at weekends and reports her well cared for, in good health and reasonable cheer, writing poetry and the story of her life with Perón.

Yet the bit part actress who tried bravely to understudy the dead master in an impossible role is an unfortunate surrogate for Perôn's own guilt, Perón was

an impossible role is an unfortunate surrogate for Peron's own gulit. Peron was
indeed happy in the hour of his death, for
his legacy was a violently disintegrating
movement and a country wracked by its
greatest moment of crisis. If ever a ruler deserved posthumous impeachment, for designating an inexperienced woman to succeed him as president at such a time, it was he rather than his ill-equipped

Andrew Tarnowski



# WILL EUROPE GREET THE NEW YEAR WITH AN ECONOMIC HANGOVER?

In nextTuesday's issue Europa looks to the future with a review of the past year, and assesses the economic legacy of 1977. A firm footing for movement forward or just more shifting sand?

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# A force in the Mediterranean

ambiguous situations with some-thing less than a major war". This is how Nato's southern headquarters at Naples charac-

Much the same can be said of the contiguous region on the other side of the Mediterranean where a weighty element of Nato, the American Sixth Fleet, is also a considerable presence, mostly unseen but constantly felt, for Israel and her Arab

If formal American security guarantees may ultimately be guarantees may ultimately be extended to Israel in the context of a Middle Eastern arrangement, the Sixth Fleet will give them instant credibility. The Arabs in general have, indeed, always regarded it as evidence of a commitment implicit but no less firm.

Awareness of the credibility aspect is heightened by a visit to the "USS America", 78,500 tons, 5,000 men—2,100 of them in the air wing—which was cruising off Crete with her 90 ter aircraft on day and night et aircraft on day and night training flights.

She is currently one of two uch US carriers that are 's permanent feature among the 15 or so combatant ships on attachment with the Sixth Fleet and serve to give it a conspicu-ous lead in a political show of

The description "completely equipped air bases" is hardly exaggeration; and, as one iter out it, "unlike land officer put it, "unlike land bases overseas, the carriers are not dependent on the political temperament of foreign govern-

That night as returning fighters came howling out of the inky blackness, the only indication of sea level was a red semaphore winking out.

escorting destroyers. If precisely-aimed visual signals have not been sutirely superseded by electronic systems, one of the reasons for this had been clearly visible. until dusk two or three miles behind: a Russian Riga-class frigate that had been trailing

the carrier all day.

The Soviet Mediterranean squadron—with at least a score of combatant vessels drawn-from both Northern and Black Sea fleets—has a flofilla of intelligence-collecting craft dog-ging the wake of major United

States units. Our tattle-tails", they are called by the Americans who do not reciprocate this type of surface surveillance. They rely instead on intensive photo reconnaissance by Crusaders, one of the eight different types of jet aircraft on the America" and her companion

carrier. The perpetual Soviet eye was even useful to Washington in the 1967 Middle East war when President Nasser, mindful always of the importance for Israel of the American navel force, accused fleet planes of attacking his forces in the the Sinai. Moscow knew the chere to be incorrect.

charge to be incorrect.
Sovier missile cruisers of the Moscow and Krisa classes have hélicopters but are disadvan-taged in wide-ranging air cover. While the Russians do have imited facilities at Tartus, in Syria, and access to repair vards in Yugoslavia, their being deprived of the use of Alexandria as from April, 1976, means they have since had nothing comparable with the services available to the Americans at haples and other Italian ports.

Secause of this current

Albania having fallen out with Peking, the Naples HQ is alert for any hint of a Tirana-Moscow rapprochement enab-ling the Sovie, navy to regain-its former submarine base there. They are also on the look out for any move whereby it could avail itself of north

African ports, not least Tobruk harbour. The Russians do, of course, visit some of these purits and the small Libyan navy has Soviet equipment, including a submarine, but as yet there is no overt sign of a significantly closer association. A major concern at Naples is what happens after Tito in

heavily on auxiliary vessels.

Yugoslavia, whose continued independence is regarded as primordial, from the naval aspect as well. Among its other preoccupations are the Turkish dispute in the Aegean, the importance of ensuring the henevolent neutrality of Spain and the effects of the British phasing out

The narrow entrances at each end of the Mediterranean and the steadily-improving satellite surveillance of its 970,000 square miles by both super powers ; inhibits deployment of the submarine fleets to which the Soviets in particular have allocated a leading strategic and tactical

The "America's" officers brush off any suggestions that the carriers could in some cir-cumstances be like sitting ducks, their confidence a reflec-

somewhere on the port beam— logistic deficiency, their main tion of the fact that 30 per cent a message from one of the five units are probably less active in of the navy's budget goes on promoting Moscow's political aims than would otherwise be anti-submarine measures. We can be a very elusive target, moving 300 miles over-night", said the officer. "We the case. They make much use of fixed anchorages in inter-national waters off North Airica and Crete and rely

are highly manoeuvrable and can travel 30 knots plus.

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"Our aircraft, patrolling out 400 to 500 miles, can locate any submarine and stay right on top. We can hit anything coming at us in the air or in the sea. We have reason to feel comfortable living on board

Specialization of tasks on the ship is such that many of the men on board are hardly con-scious of the sea or of the difference between day and

night.

Not so for the flight deck squads in their array of red, yellow and white jackets, with talkies. Beards, moustaches and longish hair are commended they have something of the rod , or Wild West air about them, each busy with his own responsibility.

This was what most surprised a Soviet defector who visited us", the officer said. He couldn't get over the con-trast with their ships. "But these men know their jobs and are given the latitude to get on with them independently. The majority are under the age of 20, a few years vounger than the pilots. The captain, 50, is a former carrier pilot who was a prisoner of war in North Viet nam for six years.

Alan McGregot



illustrate the folly of paying farmers to produce more milk, thereby pushing up prices of dairy goods like butter, when milk products were already so expensive that the BEC was unable to sell much of what it was

The association based its forecast on three things. First, it foresaw a rise of 61p a pound support prices were raised on around 62p a pound."

New Year's Day at the end of Each of these three assumpthe transitional period of the tions is highly questionable country's membership of the First rises in farm prices procommunity. It was safe with posed by the commission for that figure since it had been the whole EEC are almost never immediately after Christmas that if certain things happened calculated by the Government shoppers would have to pay about 62p a pound for butter late in 1978. It was a very

a month earlier.
The association then calculated that the rise in farm prices throughout the EEC which the European Commission has already proposed for 1978 would lidd to a pound on

The association wanted to butter prices in Britain. went on to say that the rise proposed by the commission for assumes that the special su this country alone through a de-valuation of the green pound would add a further 2p. By the time all the

creases are passed on", the association concluded, "probably by next aurumn, and if the special United Kingdom subsidy remains the same, British shoppers will then have to pay

accepted by the Council of Community Farm Ministers, which has the final say about tem.

Second, the devaluations of the green pound which it sug-gests are almost never accepted by the British Government,

them. Thirdly, the asso sidy paid in this country alor will stay the same. Its value for most of 1978 ba still to be decided, and British Government has alrea used the green pound as bargaining weapon to 82 particular concessions like t butter subsidy. It is thereft unwise for the association assume that the Governme will devalue the green pour as the commission wants at that the subsidy will

unchanged. It is just as likely that U Community will refuse extend the subsidy in which devalue, the devalue the green pour Eutter might then cost 720 pound late next year.

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much glamour in the old Nazi newsreels, and sparked off demonstrations when shown in Germany. Hans-Jurgen Syber-

Germany. Hams-Jurgen syber-berg's seven-hour dream-docu-memany Hiller—A Film Made in Germany had its world pre-miere at the London Film Festival after the director had washed his hands of his dis-approving compatriots. Ulli

approving compatriots. Ulli Mommel's Adolf and Marlene

was threatened with litigation on account of its speculative fantasies about the Fuhrer's in-

James Bond, still on active ser-

vice despite successive changes of face, in Lewis Gilbert's The Spy Who Loved Me.

fatuation for the star.

An age ended for the cinema when Charlie Chaplin died on Christmas Day. The pheno-menal career began a long lifetime ago in the music halls of Victorian London. His arrival in films in 1913 was to revolutionize the medium, for it was the miracles wrought by Chaplin and D. W. Grifflith in 1915 and 1916 that proved beyond contradiction that the cinema had the capacity to be art. · Whatever temporary eclipses time and fashion may effect. Chaplin's monumental status remains incomparable, unas-sailable. Bringing an innate and irrepressible genius to venerable maditions of comedy, he created, through film, the most universally recognized human figure ever invented by en ertist. ¯

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just ending I offer the follow for Zanussi (Krzystof), director of Camouflage, Eastern Europe's ing Alphabet:

Allen, Woody: and Annie Hall, the film which definitively established him as a major-league writer-director, and which must claim a place at the top of any Best-of-the-Year heritage.

Groucho, who had leered upon the marrouly Margaret Dumont through the Thirties series of Marx Brothers' films, and whose wit had long outlived the team itself, died at the age Balcon, Sir Michael, died at 80 after more than half a century in films. As a producer of courage and imagination he was responsible for several of the British cinema's brief trumphs such as Ealing. Also British, Best of: Anthony Sim-Hitler was a renewed preoccupation with German film-makers, and proved as potent a mons's exuberant and generous Slack dog. source of trouble as ever. Jo-achim C. Fest's Hitler-Eine

Crawford, Joan, and Crosby, Bing, whose deaths severed links with cinema history. Her areas were concerna nation. Her career spanned six decades, since the time when she was the most wivacious of Twennies flappeas; he preserved to the end the stylish ease of Tharties musicals.

Disaster movies were in dec-line, with Larry Peerce's Two-Minute Warning, John Fran-kenheimer's Black Sunday, William A. Graham's 21 Hours at Munich and James Goldat mutater and james some stone's Rollercoaster; and a nice send up, Silver Streak, gave them an extra push on their way. Idi Amin, who has unwittingly provided employment opportunities for plump, black actors (see Entebbe).

Entebbe was the year's most popular subject. The American versions, Martin J. Chomsky's Victory at Entebbe and Irvin Kersiner's Raid on Entebbe came our neck and neck, but were outclassed by the Israelis own Operation Thunderbolt, directed by Menahem Golan.

Foul play and worse language: in George Roy Hill's disillar embatuled creator of the content of the content

Langlois, Henri: legendary and Star is Born, The Island of Drembatuled creator of the Cine Moreau and a particularly

Likewise, when Oliver finds his cosy refuge in Bloomsbury, Bart introduces a trio of street-

calls which is very beautiful in itself, and establishes the sense of a sunlit awakening without recourse to Dickensian benefactresses bustling about with bowls of soup.

Robin Midgley and Larry
Oaks's production is said to be

and the hue and cry after Sikes come over with a tremendous disciplined vigour, flashing past in a few seconds but packed with tiny individualized per-formances that enrich the scene (in these lean times, the management have not skimped on casting).

of concerted music although Wednesday's was a solo recital of Chopin's piano works by Howard Shelley.

Mr Shelley won golden opinions recently for an integral reading of Chopin's 24 Preludes. They were included in this programme too, and the performance again commanded respect, not without some reservations. With his ebullient dexterity. bright and full but never forced fortissimo tone, enviable range of nuance and keyboard colour. and vein of lyrical, contempla-tive music-making, Mr Shelley has much to bring to Chopin
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> New work by Gordon Crosse

the Barcarolle at the start of

As part of an extensive programme to celebrate the quincentenary of printing in Oxford, the Oxford University Press has commissioned a new work from Gordon Crosse. Wildboy, subtitled "concertante for clarinet, with cimbalom and seven players", will be given its first performance at the its first performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on February 13 by the Nash

the recital, his flexible moulding of melody (the famous Chopin "ruhato") sounded Chopin "ruhato") sounded automatic, as if he had not first played the music strictly in tempo before realizing why

but this time he was not justify.

Eusemble. The work, which lasts about 18 minutes, is scored for flure, clarinet, bassoon, horn, cimbalom, violin,

This will be the second of

**David Robinson** 

was high mortality among directors: Howard Hawks, the great Hollywood professional, Tom Cries, who died while at work on The Greatest; H.-G. Clouzot, Charles Frend, Karl Riner (gifted director of some of the most notorious films of the Nazi era). Herbert Wilcox. Roberto Rossellini, William Castle, Delner Daves, H. C. Potter (Helzapoppin), Yutaka Abe. Writers: Numaally John-son, Jacques Prévert, Vladimir Nabokov, John Howard Law-son. Animators, John Hubley (creator of Mr Magoo) and Peter Foldes. Cameramen Christian Matras, and Eugen Schulttan, whose "Schullfran Process" has pleasingly deluded generations of filmgoers into believing that minuature models and glass slides are real life and full-scale

Women's Pictures enjoyed a grand revival with Charles Jarrott's shamelessly enjoyable The Other Side of Midnight.

N-rated. Who would have thought we would ever see a porno version of Alice? But

Yelp. The Pack, about marauding, maddened homicidal dogs, represents a whole cycle of films about monstrous mutations of natural instinct (cf. currently, Death is Child's Plug at the new Classic Complex).

sioned comic fable about what the public wants, Slap Shot. Also Fellieri, who managed at once to dress up and demythify Casanova.

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Masseles: George Butler's Pumping Iron established its own genre of amiably mendaged at public greatest planeary. Zanussi, Krysztof, whose Canouflage (London Film Festival), from Poland, was the sharpest film to come out of a remake of Henri-Georges Chouzot's 1953 success, Wages Socialist Europe this year. Even if it had not been, Zanossi is always a very wel-come name in any New Year's ter for it: Voyage of the Damaed, Golden Rendezvous and Orca-Killer Whale. ABC game.

The old year stumbled out with the latest Clint Eastwood. The Gauntles. Its parts are assembled like a ritual: the uncompromising cop Ben Sharkey sent to bring in an unlikely prisoner; the couple brought together by the circumstances of a pursued and perilous highway journey; the post-Nixon paranoia of an enemy within and the Kafka terrors of murderous corruption within and the haddeness. tion within police headquarters itself. Everything concentrates to the final ser piece: hero and heroine in an armoured juggernaut bus running the gauntlet of the massed forces of the Phoenix police lining the streets and numping shot.

The language is rough and the action rougher. Clint's retort to the challenge "You wouldn't hit a lady?" is to send her flying off a moving train with a right to the midriff, it is hardly surprising

Stars, Elvis, Peter Finch and Stephen Boyd died young. The veterans included Walter Fitz-gerald, choked-voiced Andy Devine, Yvonne Printemps, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Alfred Lunt Zero, Mostel gerald, choked-voiced Andy
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Oliver! Albery

Irving Wardle

Having seen all Lionel Bart's musicals but one, I was quire upprepared for Oliver! Sad to think that it first appeared 17 years ago, since when there has hardly been u single British musical worth remembering. As Barr's own subsequent work proved, the success of this piece cannot be reduced to a lasting demonstration that a virile dramatic form can be built out of the old music-hall tradition, and that the sage can popularize classics without betraying them. Reviewers have always been

fond of pouncing on Bart the song-writer for his echoes of past hits. But the fact remains that the score of Oliver! is supremely accomplished theatre music, whether it is covering crowd action to the split second incorporating pantonime inside a number (as in Fagin's lesson in picking pockets), or simply projecting character on a large scale. So far as the family Howard Shelley

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the clammy sentiments of the The workhouse opening is as

grim as a Doré engraving, and promptly bursts into the joyous invenile charus of "Food" invenile chorus of without softening the boys' plight.

"based on Peter Coe's original direction", but there is no sense of witnessing a carbon-copy. The crowd scenes of Oliver's first thieving expedition

and genuine solicitude, casting his eyes up apprehensively to the Almighty while his fingers compulsively continue a life of their own in readiness for the next purse. All the villainy is left to Sikes: Mr Hudd limits himself to craft and terror himself to craft and terror (combining both morvellously in "Reviewing the Situation", with its wheedling gypsy violin

A for Allen (Woody), Annie Hall and the year's best film; Z

Muscles: George Butler's Pumping Iron established its own genre of amiably menda-cious documentary, and left no doubt that Arnold Schwar-

zenegger-Mr Everywhere-was a star as well as body-

Newcomers worth watching:

Alfred Sole, admirer of Alfred Hitchcock, and director of a

colourful piece of grand guig-nol. Communion; and Hal

nol, Communion; and Hal Needham, who made his debut with a picely sustained light-weight "road" film, Smokey

Occult: The: still exercising an

evident hold on a world-wide public. The year brought Michael Winner's The Sentinel,

Robert Wise's Audrey Rosc, John Boorman's Exorcist II— The Heretic...

Patriotic (and we all know,

that's not enough): Richard Attenborough's all-star tribute

to Arnhem, A Bridge Too Far.

Queen of the Blues: Ethel Waners, who had risen from the First World War period honky-tonk singer, died at 80.

Rocky, fairy-tale of an ageing

boxer's moment of glory, pro-ved a real-life fairy story for its formidable inventor-writer-

Also: Remakes: too many to be healthy, with King Kong, A Star is Born, The Island of Dr

building's own Greatest.

and the Bandit...

backing)
Gillian Burns is a resolutely unsentimentalized Nancy, with a big warm voice as fit for the Three Cripples as for the West End stage and a capacity for showing off the underworld without turning it into tourists' London: she is well partnered by Michael Attwell's hulking Sikes. The Dodger and Oliver emerge with much cheek and charm from Stephen Kebell and Marcus D'Amico.

There remains the miracle of

Sean Kenny's labyrinthine rim-bered set which conveys the spirit of Victorian London from the docks to the quiet streets of the gentry, constantly under-scoring Barr's cheerful adapta-tion with authentic Dickensian

this or that note must be slightly prolonged or clipped, within the context of a long phrase or a harmonic statement. Since he is a thoughtful musiciam, he will have done so, but this time he was not justify.

ing his legitimate liberties with note-values. In the Trio of the B flat minor Funeral March Mr Shelley moulded the melody to admiration, likewise in the equivalent section of the Scherzo, and that of the A lat major Polonaise which ended the programme (a trifling but traumatic slip of the fingers won instant sympathy). In the development of the sonata's first movement he rightly emphasized the looming of the introductory theme in the bass, then was carried away by the climax and forgot to carry the emphasis through to its own culmination. For his encore he played the E major study from Op 10, the central section fast and brilliantly, the opening melody too slow for that context (Chopin wanted it to move along). I mention such points to show how interesting the recital

viola, cello, and bass. Crosse's works to be given for the first time by the Nash Ensemble within the past 12 mouths Last June they gave the first performance of World Within for actress, sooreno, and 10 instruments, which they themselves had commissioned in association with the Arts Council of Great Britain.

# audience is concerned, music is also of the greatest importance in minimizing the horrors and minimizing the ho

the Thames may be surprising to those who think actors only have to speak well to do their job. For those spectators who can get into the Lyttelton to see the National Theatre's first home-grown and very popular children's play, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, it will soun be clear why the actors are attending to their physical con-dition. Michael Bogdanov's pro-duction features stick-fighting, tumbling, walks on the tight-wire and sword and Morre dances. Those unexpected and newly earned skills bring something of the pure physical for Irish television. excitement of circus to the stage and show very clearly Bogdanov's strong directorial

Also: Spin-offs, a woeful symp-tom of industrial demorali-

sation: after Airport, Airport 77; efter Wulking Tall, Wulking Tall—Final Chapter; after Jaws, Orca; and Emmanuelles in every shade, size and nationality.

Top of the Heap: In December Star Wars officially overtook Jaws as the biggest box-office earner of all time.

Also, Travesty: Ken Russell's Valentino...

Underrated: Norman, is that

You? which roused suspicious

You? which roused suspicions because it was funny about homosexuality; but it was kindly too; also the best bus of Robert Altman's Three Women. And I may personally not have been kind enough to Exorcist II and to Juhberwocky.

Valete. The cinema lost saveral

What might be surprising is that Sir Garain is only the second of Bogdanov's productions to be seen in London, For the past four years his main work has been with Loi-cester's Haymarket and Phoenix theatres and The Magic Drum, which was much praised last Easter when it visited the Lyttelton, was a children's production from the Phoenix. London will soon get to know his work much better, beginning tomorrow when his adult, comic treatment of The Hunchback of Notre Dame opens at the Cottesloe, and then next spring when he takes over the direction of the His high reputation in young

people's theatre, matched with an interest in popular music that led him to devise and direct a Bearles-inspired "rock circus spectacular for Leices-ter, Lucy in the Sky, make him seem the ideal choice to follow Frank Dunlop at the Young Vic. Yet, he says, "the Vic is almost the most logical thing that's happened to me. Because every other kind of step thur Tve made has seemed totally arbitrary. The chances that have occurred, have occurred for no reason at all."
Born in London, with

mother from Wales and father from near Kiev, he did not even set out to enter the theatre, but exploited his facility for languages by studying French and German at Trinity College, Duhlin. There, from his effort into the Dublin University Players where he wrote sketches, revues and did cabaret. A logical extension of that might have been the offer he received to write a televi-sion series in England, but, "then I got smashed up in a car crash and finished my finals late. I ended up, in January, in the depth of winter snow about 3ft high, in plaster up to my thighs."

He was rescued from inactivity by John Molloy who invited him to write some sketches for a show ar Dubin's Gate
Theatre. While writing with
Moiloy, his leg still in plaster,
he was asked to do a radio series, just singing songs and

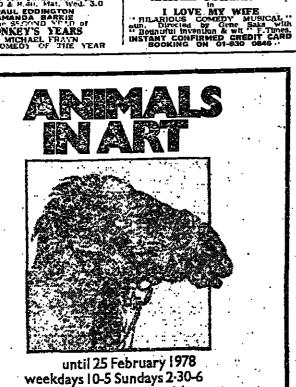
The sight of actors running up writing linking bits. That led and down the South Bank of to a hit of cabaret. He was the Thames may be surprising their asked to write for the Group Theatre in Cork and when that show finished touring he returned to Dublin to stage productions at the Eblana and Gate theatres and directed a variety show with the Dubliners which toured Ireland and left Bogdanov with a promising career as a direc-tor. Staying in Ireland may have been an arbitrary twist of fate but before he finally returned to England be had directed over 100 shows in same and small theatres and directed more than 125 shows

> Stopping only briefly on his way from Ireland to the English theatre, Bogdanov bought a small pub in Wales in a mountain sheep-firming area. (He still keeps a home in Breconshire.1 His move into England came when he contacted Terry Hands at the Royal Shakespeare Company and asked if there were any jobs. He soon accepted work as an assistant director at Stratford and by the end of the year he was assisting Peter Brook on his socctacular production of A Midsummer Night's Dream which took him to New York and Los Angeies and later to Japan. Despite his immersion in

traditional theatre and television. Bogdanov has retained and developed a taste for experiment and invention that tricks of Sir Cawain and Luce in the Sky echo the acrobatic qualities of Brook's Dream and, during the two years he was associate director with Gareth Morgan at Newcastle's University Theatre he streed an adaptation of Goethe's Faust which varied from two hours to four hours in performance and was modelled on the Living Theatre's free form Paradise Now. He remembers it as one of the few times he was able to use his declining

Just what is in store for the Young Vic under Eogdapov is not let clear. He still has to arrange the mundine details of moving his family, his wife and three children, from Leicester to London, as he only expected to stay here for his four-month stint at the National. He will certainly his bringing some people who have worked with him before and new actors might expect such training as his Leicester company faced when they did a show on boxing and spent three mornings a week on circuit training with a sergeantmajor at an army barracks for seven months. Otherwise they might be encouraged to learn musical instruments or to work with Gerry Cottle's Circus or the repetwirler and knifs-thrower, Billy Wilde, as the Leicester company did.

Ned Chaillet

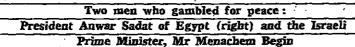


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# eview of the Year











Three superstars who were mourned by millions in 1977: left, Elvis Presley; top right Maria Callas; bottom right, Bing Crosby

# Peace on earth-almost

1977 came as near to being a year without war as we can reasonably expect to seeas near, probably, as any in the 25-year reign of Victoria's great-great-granddaughter. For months on end it would have been quite justifiable to have closed the gates of the Temple of Janus, if there had been anything left of them after two millennia of conflict.

It would be going too far to say that birds of calm sat brooding on the charmed wave wherever one looked. If they had tried it in the Gulf of Theiland, for instance, the eggs would soon have been snatched by ravenous hands. Small boats were dotted all over the mild ocean, full of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia, driven back at gunpoint from the coasts of neighbouring countries and ignored by passing ships anxious to avoid the nuisance of finding a refuge for them. Most of the worst conflict was in Africa: border raids and counter-raids in Rhodesia, battles between insurgents and pygmy bowmen in Zaire, and the slow disintegration of the Ethiopian empire. The. latter developed in the summer into a guerrilla campaign which was probably the most extensive conflict of the yearmuch to the embarrassment of the Russians, who had armed both sides. The most extraordinary event of 1977

was certainly the appearance of President Sadat at a kosher state banquet in Jerusalem. No one could have guessed when Mr Begin's intransigent party came to power in Israel that the year would see the two leaders embracing, speaking of sacred missions and declaring that anything was negotiable. The moral effect was immense: the people of both countries broke into incredulous rejoicing, while some of Mr Sadat's allies called for his overthrow or assassination. It was only natural that some of the euphoria should be dashed when the harder bargaining began in Cairo.

The year abounded in images of harmony, most of which it was wise to rake with a grain of salt. In Rhodesia Mr Smith declared himself in favour of one man, one vote; in Spain, La Pasionaria took her seat in a democratic parliament (an event that proved more evocative than congruous); 10,000 political prisoners were released in Indonesia; India took its chance and replaced Oueen Stork with King Log. In Ulster the rate of civilian casualties fell to a quarter of the rate of recent years, and the province was judged stable enough the Oneen to make a jubilee visit

troversy at Westminster Hall by speaking favourably of the United Kingdom, receiving gifts of a skull-decked trophy in Papus and a reddy-bear in Portsmouth, or winning the Oaks at six to one.

The celebrations took place mainly in weather appropriately reminiscent of the Coronarion. It was a dreary summer after two such superlative ones. But between two such superiative ones. But between showers there was plenty worth watching: the incomparable Red Rum won his third Grand National; Virginia Wade won the Wimbledon ladies title with much brilliance and a little luck; Niki Lauda became world champion driver after having been smashed practically to bits a year before. In cricket, it is hard to say whether the play at the wicket or in the courtroom was the more enthralling. In the event, the gates for Mr Packer's circus proved scarcely larger than those for Mr Justice Slade's. Much satisfaction was felt when England regained the Ashes, a feat previously achieved this century only in the years of the Queen's birth and Coronation (although some sympathy was expressed for the Queen of Australia, whose cricketers had marked the three corresponding landmarks of her career by losing the Ashes each time).

The world of music was plagued by the caprices of trade unions and the muse. The former distunted works ranging from The former disrupted works ranging from The Trojans to Rock Follies (a much more serious marter), as well as some of the year's innumerable new operas. It may be because the muse had been so much importuned by Tippett, Tavener. Blake, Hoddinott and Maxwell Davies that she let down Richard Rodney Bennett over The Christians and cruelly teased the Master of the Queen's Music over his unfinished Jubilee symphony and Mass.

In industrial relations more generally the charmed quiet of the past two years began to break up even before the pact between government and TUC over wages expired in July. But the auguries are still not clear: the firemen's strike remains unresolved, the gap between the size of demands and of settlements has never been so wide, and conflicting currents within groups of workers never so apparent. The Bullock report, which might have marked the high point of the political ascendancy of the unions, exposed confusion in their ranks about what their true role should be It was what their true role should be. It was appropriate that the dominating trade dispute of the year, the violent and paradoxical Grunwick affair, should have raised a multitude of questions about the social and constitutional position of the

unions, with wages only a marginal issue. Self-doubt spread on the left (and the right) as it began to seem that the Gov-ernment's policies might actually be beginning to work. Inflation fell, the pound rose, the gold reserves became almost an embarrassment; even unemployment (though well above the million) at least stopped rising. After many defeats in the Commons, the Government secured its by raffling motor cars and the like, but there was every prospect that the out-flow would gather pace.

The merry feckless British made an almost Dickensian contrast with the almost Dickensian contrast with the thrifty Germans, deeply demoralized by mild inflation and a gang of terrorists far smaller than our IRA (though more disturbingly alien). Six of the gang found means to kill themselves in prison after the failure of the Mogadishu hijack. Other unidentified terrorists apparently tried to hijack a Malaysian airliner and perished with 100 passengers. In a bad year for plane crashes, by far the worst perished with 100 passengers year for plane crashes, by far the worst was the long-dreaded collision of two jumbo jets, a catastrophe in which died. These events cast a shadow which could not be dispelled by Mr Laker's overthrow of the fares cartel, Concorde's admission to New York or the success of the delightful gossamer bicycle in which effective man-powered flight was first achieved.

Any attempt to identify the year as one of universal peace through sea and land must limit itself strictly in hostilities between countries. Internal oppression and private mayhem continued at least at routine levels. The Soviet Union busily persecuted citizens trying to discover whether it was fulfilling its Helsinian provinces to star presecutions. promises to stop persecutions. Even in Britain there was a successful prosecution for blasphemy, though the authorities did for blasphemy, though the authorities did not on this occasion go so far as to crop the victim's ears. After the great power cut in New York, many of the city's inhabitants seem to have set doggedly about burning down as much of it as they could reach. In Bangui, starv-ing children gaped at the emperor's new clothes. President Amin surpassed him-self by allowing the Archbishop of Uganda and two cabinet ministers to be murdered: the South African security ormed the prelude to a general election in which the minority qualified to vote the product of t resoundingly endorsed the zeal and loyalty shown in the case by South Africa's police, coroners and medical men.

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felicitous triumphs of time).

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# Diary of the year

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The International Monetary Fund approved Britain's applicamon for a £2,300m toan (see also the 10th and 24th).

5. An unofficial estimate stated that the earthquake in numbers China on July 28 last year killed 655,237 people. 6. A manifesto, signed by Czechoslovak dissidents, calling for the restoration of human rights, and announcing the for-mation of an association enti-iled "Charter 77" was smug-gled into Germany; on the 31st the Czech Government declared the Charter to be itle-gal (see also Feb 11). Mr Roy Jenkins took over from Mr Prancois-Xavier Ortoli as President of the European

Mr L. Tyler and his family held by Ethiopian guerrillas since May last year, were French police arrested Abu

Jaoud, leader of the Black September assassins of Munich, 1972; be was released on the 11th and flown to Algiers.

Minimum lending rate (14) on 24/12/76) was cut to 14 per cent; during the year it fell 16 more times to 5 per cent on Oct 14; on Nov 25 it was increased to 7 per cent.

10. The Bank of International arranged

£1.765m standby safeguard for sternig. 14. Thomas Welliam Hughes, a 14. Thomas Walkiam Hughes, a prisoner who escaped while being taken to Chesterfield, was shot dead by police; in Chesterfield he had taken hostages and killed three adults and a child; a report in March criticized the prison staff and

ponce.

17. At Sair Lake City, Utah,
Gary Gëmore, at his own
request was executed by a firing squad for murder in July,
1976.

18 Eighty people were killed when a bridge crashed on a when a bridge crashed on a the regime in Chile.

19 Authority in the Church.

18 In Dublin eight SAS solissued by the Anglican and diers were acquitted of deliberately crossing the Irish border in May 1976.

ment had been reached on the Five thousand mercenary. doctrine of authority.
20 Mr Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as 39th President of the United States of

America. 24 Britain negotiated a loan of £873m from 13 British, West 16 Kamal German and American banks to Lebanese derman and American banks to Lebanese leftist leader was aid economic recovery.

26 A majority in the Bullock revenge killings were later committee recovery.

napped nearly 400 pupils from during school hours.

a mission school in south-west 23 A four-month pact with Rhod sia and took them into the Liberals enabled the

**February** 

2 Mr J. Agate, director of Dupont, was shot dead by the Provisional IRA in London-

The House of Lords ruled that the NSPCC need not reveal identity of informants.

3 General Teferi Bance, Ethiopian head of state and six members of the military counantird, were executed for overnment activities; Colonel Haile-Mariam succeeded him.

6 The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Queen's acces-Sion to the throne. Seven white Roman Catholic

missionaries were murdered by 11,923 majority into a guerrillas, about 30 miles north varive majority of 1,949.

liarold Wilson's resignation Honours List was drawn up by lady Falkender; the latter stated that Mr Haines was wild and inaccurate" (see also May 24 and May 27).

The Queen left for the Pacific on the first of her Silver Jubilee tours. 10 Four IRA men were sen-

the murders of Professor Hamilton-Fairley and Mr R. McWhirter, and the Balcombe Street London, siege.

Il The first and authentiras Published in The Times. President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed of India died; he was Succeeded on July 25 by Mr. Reelan Sanjiva Reddy.

Attempt to escape; since larch 1976, 18 Africans had

Hosenball would be deported first visit there of a British work.

After a reported plot to letter was created when a page overthrow President Amin, the written by Galileo in 1612 Anglican Archbishop of fetched £17,500.

Uganda Dr Janani Luwum was 20 President Carter arrested; he and two Cabinet amounted details of his nat-ministers were reported by the unal energy plan, with price Uganden government to have penalties for wasters and re-Uganden government to have been killed in a road accident in an artempt to escape; the report was condemned throughout the world.

17 In Moscow Dr Andrei Sak-

harov received a personal ter from President Carter.

18 The General Synod of the launched the Queen's Silver Church of England approved Launched the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for money to

19 Mr Anthony Crosland died suddenly; on Feb 21 he was succeeded by Dr David Owen. suddenly; on Feb 21 he was succeeded by Dr David Owen.
21 Representatives of the Argentine Commission for Human Rights claimed that in the 11-month-old regime of General Videla, 2,300 people had been killed and between 20,000-30,000 had disappeared.
23 In Tanzania, refugees from

there of the Langi and Acholi 1 During May Day riots in 27 About 1,000 Roman Carbolic supporters of the Latin Mass occupied a church in Paris (see also June 29).

March

2 The Government conceded defeat over the ship repairing sections of the aircraft and sections shipbuilding Bill nationalization

earthquake in 4 An Ploesti region of Romania on a house in Huntingdon kill-killed 1,541 people and injured ing three children and the more than 11,000.

6 The Government refused to 4 Reports from Addis Abeba buy the Earl of Rosebery's Menumore House for £3m; on May 18, house and contents were auctioned for £6,389,933. 7 An American motion on the arrest of dissidents in Russia was withdrawn in the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva; the following day the Commission strongly criticized

ies were reported to have marched into Zaire from Angola (see also April 10). 15 Dr Anatoly Shcharansky, a

Jewish dissident was seized by the KGB. Tumbkett. the Lebanese leftist leader

action of an individual of pango was elected bead of the EEC met in the Indian elections and across on July 25, the House of Corresponding of the Fresh House of Lords reversed the July 25 to the Edith Mr. Mr. Desain of Lords reversed the July 25 to the Edith Mr. Mr. Desain of Lords reversed of Terrorism the Repression of Terrorism of European Convention on 15 september 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism of September 150 to the Edith Mr. Mr. Desain September 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism of Lords reversed the July 25 to the Edith Mr. Mr. Desain September 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Repression of Terrorism the September 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Repression of Terrorism the September 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Repression of Terrorism the September 150 to the Indian elections and the September 150 to the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Indian elections and the Repression of Terrorism the Repression of

Botswana; on February 6 Government to obtain a warents persuaded 51 to majority of 24 votes on a return.

Mme François Claustre, held the Commons; it was renewed the commons; it was renewed. hostage by Chad rebels for on July 28 (see also Sept 27).
nearly three years, was 24 The Annan Committee re-

port on published. broadcasting was 25 A Pan Am Boeing 747 collided with a KLM 747 on tak-ing off at Tenerife airport, killing 582 people. The National Enterprise
Board authorized £30m to

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British Leyland (see also July
25 and Sept 29).
29 Budget day: Tax concessions worth a 41 per cent pay increase—some conditional on union acceptance of wage restraint from Aug 1; dearer cigarettes; dearer petrol (revoked on May 9) (sec also July 15 and Oct 26). Cup; Liverpool had won the 31 In the Stechford by elect League championship; on the tion, Mr Andrew MacKay (27) turned Mr Roy Jenkins's 11,923 majority into a Conser-

At the European Court of April
Human Rights, the Government admitted that interroga- 2 Red Rum created a record tion techniques used in Ulster in winning the Grand National in 1971 amounted to torture; I for the third time.
it pledged never again to use 4 Twenty-two Libyan officers deprivation techniques.

were executed for an anti-Gaddeprivation techniques.

Extracts in the Daily Mirror dafi plot in 1975.

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From Mr. Joe Haines's The Politing and Prince Minister of the Politing Signed as Po Israel, having violated currency regulations; he was succeeded by Mr Shimon Peres (see also

May 17). Seven Africans were mur-dered by guerrillas in Rhodesia; Government deaths to date were 304, guerrillas 2,348. President Carter proposed to tenced to life imprisonment to scrap plans for commercial

Party was accorded legal status. 10 Al-Oadi al-Hajri, a former Yemeni prime minister, his rated translation of Charter 77 wife and a colleague were shot dead in Bayswater, London.

Zaire to help the army there guerrillas. fight rebel troops. 14 In Johannesburg, a detained Over the weekend, 42 people
African fell to his death in an were killed in riots in Pakistan;
June by April 21 the death roll was

wards for conservers (see also Oct 13), B Arrests were made when left wing groups demonstrated against a National Front march

By-elections: Conservatives

23 In Tanzania, refugees from Uganda reported mass killings May

> Istanbul, between rival leftist groups and police, 38 people were killed 2 A general strike of "loyalists" was called for in Ulster and was partially successful; on the 10th, a bus-driver in Belfast was stabbed and the Rev Ian Paisley was arrested in Ballymena; later he was released; in the first nine down 1700 accessed; in the first nine down 1700 accessed; days, 1,700 cases of intimida-tion were reported; the strike was called off on the 14th. 3 An RAF Camberra crashed

killed in anti-Government rints.

envirous; on the 9th he met phase two (July 31).

President Assad of Syriz in Geneva.

6 At least 35 black civilians were killed when Rhodesian Tafks between the Secretary of Syriz at 15 were killed when Rhodesian troops and guerrillas clashed near Chiredze.

The summit conference of heads of Canada, France, W. Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the United States opened in Downing Street. 8 Romania declared a general amnesty affecting 28,500 people.

tenced in Dublin to life imprisomment for the murder.
15 Five people were killed at the Biggin Hill Air Show when

16 That part of the Cousumer mad Zia al-Huq overthrew Mr Credit Act, 1974, relating to Bhutto's government in a bloodcredit rights, came into force. 17 After 29 years in office 17 After 29 years in office Israel's Labour Party was defeated in a general election (see also June 21). The Queen began the first of cil; a minority report called marine was killed.

her jubilee tows of the United for government aid to help the 10. The Queen made a two-day

Kingdom in Glasgow.

18 A report by the International Commission of Jurists estimated that there is a large transfer of the commander, was estimated that there is a large transfer of the commander of the comman two years—1971-72—of President Amin's rule, 80,000 to 90,000 were killed.
21 Manchester United beat
Liverpool 2—1 to win the FA
Cup; Liverpool had won the 25th Liverpool won the European Cup.

23 Moluccan terrorists held theft.

hostages in two sieges—105 11. More than 18,000 trade

six terrorists and two hostages were killed in the train 24 A new Political Honours

Politica.
Committee was
Franks Scrutiny Commi hackleton and Carr of Hadley isee also May 27). 26 The Anglo-American consultative team on a constitu-tion for Rhodesia began discussions with Rhodesian officials

(see also Sept 1).
In Geneva 100 nations voted stop nuclear reprocessing and to give prisoner-of-war status to captured guerrillas. on a number of charges include fast breeder reactors.

27 A letter in The Times for the murders of Professor 9 The Spanish Communist from Lady Summerskill revived the controversy on Sir Harold Wilson's Resignation

Honours List. 28 .A fire in a Kentucky night club killed 158 people. dead in Bayswater, London. 30 Rhodesian troops per France supplied aircraft to trated over 50 miles if ly 1,500 Moroccan troops to Mozambique and killed

to escape; since by April 21 the death roll was 1 Speed limits were raised: 1 1976, 18 Africans had 200 and martial law was proin detention (two more claimed; on the 24th, opposition custody on the 24th); tion leaders were arrested (see 15 and Sept 12); also [uly 5].

for reason of national secur. Foreign Minister for six years. 16 In Windsor Great Park the the Lower Courts Amendment 31 Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesian the release of 11 terrorists 21st, and was received by cheering 18 A world auction record for a Queen lit the first of a nation. Act; these effectively replaced Front won an overwhelming held in Germany and two ing crowds (see also 27th).

After a reported plot to letter was created when a page wide chain of Jubilee bonfires. the British trial system. President Mancham of the 20 The Security Council unani-

7 A Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubibrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee; the Queen drove in state that it be reorganized into two
to St Pau's, and from there parts—the Post Office and the

8 Tesco, the supermarket by between three and 20 per

Commonwealth Conference opened in London; in their final communique of June 15, the 33 heads of government condemned the regime of President Amin. 14 Ine Government sold a 17

per cent holding of British Petroleum worth £564m. Petroleum worth £564m.

The Government was routed by the United National defeated on amendments to the Party; Mr J. R. Jayewardene effect of giving additional tax

Storms and floods coused widespread damage in southero England. 15 In Spain's first election for more than 40 years, Senor Suarez'; Democratic Centre Union obtained a majority.

Britain withdrew the last ewo diplomats in Uganda.

A Select Committee on Violence in the Family reported that six children were killed each week in England and Wales and 3,000 severely in-

vales and 5,000 severely in jound me Kooinson College, jured.

16 Mr Leonid Brezhnev displaced Mr Podgorny as President of the USSR.

Cambridge.

An international court fixed the division of the Westdent of the USSR. 17 In the Republic of Ireland, Mr Liam Cosgrave conceded defeat to Mr Jack Lynch's Fianna Fail.

19 John Neumann, Bishop of canonized.

21 Mr Menachim Begin, working with a coalition government succeeded Mr

killed in anti-Government riots.

5 In the County council (including Greater London) elections, Conservatives gained heavily at Labour's expense.

President Carter arrived in London; the following day he visited Newcastle and its environs; on the 9th he met President Assad of Syria in Geneva.

government succeeded Mr Rabin as Prime Minister of Israel.

22 The TUC urged unions to intensify aid to Grunwick's strikers; it told unions that pay settlements could not be deferred until after the end of phase two (July 31).

23 In Soweto, South Africa, a student was shot dead, and two

of State of Employment and Mr George Ward, managing director of Grunwick's, broke down; more violent cashles be-tween police and some thou-sands of pickers occurred; an the 28th, in defiance of their umon, London postmen banned mail to the company (see also

July 11). 26 After 117 years of French

Britain placed a unilateral ban on herring fishing in the

omment for the marker.

15 Five people were killed at the Biggin Hill Air Show when a helicopter collided with a Tiger Moth.

16 Theat part of the Cousumer and Zia al-Huq overthrew Mr in SW Rhodesia, bringing the could be shown as the control of subject to the control of subjec

less coup.
7. The Royal Commission on the Press reported recommending safeguards for press freedom and reform of the Press Coun-

prisonment on corruption charges.

8. In the Saffron Walden by-

election, Conservatives held the seat with a swing from Labour of 11.7 per cent. 10. Pakistan's military rulers introduced the Koranic penalty of amputation of the band for

hostages in two sieges—105 11. More than 16,000 trade children in Bovensmilde, N. unionists demonstrated outside Holland, and 50 people in a Gruwick's; 30 people were hijocked train near Gron hurt, and 70 arrested; the foliogen; the children were lowing day the High Court disallowed to leave on the 27th; missed Grunwick's claim that a on June 11 Dutch marines report by the Advisory, Concisionmed the train and school; liation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) should be declared woid; on July 29, the Court of Appeal reversed the decision (see also Dec 14).
12. Gay News was fined £1,000 and its editor given a suspended

prison sentence, after convic-tion of publishing a blasphe mous libel. Two British nurses-Miss Pat Ash and Miss Helen Fraser-were awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal for their de-

votion to duty in Cambodia in 1975. Mr Don Revie resigned as England's football manager; he accepted an offer (reported to 21. The military leader of be worth £340.00) to organize Ethiopia called for general football for four years for the mobilization; both sides suf-United Arab Emirates. fered heavy casualties in the 13. The first democratic Cortes since the Civil War opened in

Spain.

The TUC rejected pay controls after July 31, but on the 27th voted to abide by the 12month interval on rises. A 24-bour power failure in sides; it recommended that the New York led to looting and company should offer to reover 4,000 arrests were made. employ any strikers; the com-15 The Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement : increase in earnings in the next 12 months should be limited to 10 per The EEC reached agreement of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of fish memoration of the 1916 Easter the conservation of the 1916 Eas

Seychelles was deposed in a mously recommended Vietnom September bloodless coup; Mr Albert for membership of the United September René assumed the presidency. Nations.

parts—the Post Office and the Telecommunications Authority. began a "walkabout"; the following day, 30,000 people A majority of the Court of received the Queen's Silver Appeal ruled against the High Lubilee medal. Court's judgment of two years ago, that Showerings could not chain, discontinued tracing use the word "champagne" in stamps, instead, cutting prices presenting Babycham.

A record price of £62,000 was paid at Sotheby's for a Koran of 681AH (AD1282). 21 Clashes between Egypt and Libya developed imo wide-spread air and ground battles. The Government accepted the indexing of personal tax allow-naces in line with inflation. 22 In Sri Lanka, Mrs Bandara-

became Prime Minister : before and after the election, looting, riots and arson, causing some deaths, had taken place. Mr John Cordle, MP, Bournemouth East, criticized by a Commons committee over his connexions with Mr John Poul-

25 Brinish Leyland received a loan of £100m from the NEB, the bulk for developing a new

Mini.

Mr David Robinson gave a further £7.5m to the £10m he had given four years ago to found the Robinson College,

French oil rights. 26, Unemployment rose to 1,336,700—the highest since 1948.

27. Official and Provisional IRA clashed in Belfast leaving four dead.

The next three years and into the eighties by the Government and TUC was published.

28. Spain applied to join the EEC Government was wrong to restrain (in 1972) The Sunday on the Civil Service (the first Times from publishing an since 1874) recommended that article about thalidomide; the paper published it on the 31st. An African schoolgirl was

shot dead by police in Soweto; violence erupted and on Aug 1, police shor dead an racy and criminal deception. 31. One man died and 100 were injured when 20,000 demonstrators battled with French police on the site of the nuclear reactor at Creys-Malville.

African Unity (OAU) repudiated Somali claims to the

total of white RC missionaries killed in nine months to 13.

A Roman Catholic youth was shot dead by a British soldier in Belfast; a revenge killing of a soldier followed; on the 12th, a marine was killed.

13. A National Front march in Lewisham, London brought violent clashes with left-wing elements, in particular, the Socialist Workers Party; at least 78 people were injured and 270 policemen and 202 were arrested; in Birmingham on the 15th the two factions again clashed; police were again injured and a police station was

esieged. From Thailand came reports of atrocities by Khmer Rouge troops on the border of Cam-

15. England regained the Ashes. A black political detainee in Africa was found dead in his cell, the second such occurrence in two weeks.

An SS Col Herbert Kappler (70) escaped from Rome's mili-tary hospital; in consequence

an Italian-German summit meet-ing was called off. 16. Heavy storms and floods swept southern England and the Midlands.

18. Labour held Birmingham Ladywood in the by-election. 20. Sixteen black farm workers

were shot dead or burnt by

guerrillas near the Rhodesia Mozambique border.

and Muslims left a death roll of

: 17.

25. The Scarman report on the Grunwick dispute blamed both employ any strikers; the com-pany rejected the report. 28. Despite the efforts of the organizers, the Notting Hill, London, carnival was marred by

violence. 29. Anglo-American Rhodesia peace negotiators meeting Mr John Vorster in Pretoria, failed 18 New legislation in S Africa: to obtain South Africa's sup-the Criminal Procedure Bill and port for their proposals.

1. The Government's White Paper for a settlement in Rho-desia nominated Field Marshal Lord Carver as Resident Com-missioner-designate; Mr Smith described the Anglo-American proposals "insane".

The World Psychiatric Assofor political purposes.

prison on the 6th; he was activists. released on bail on December 9. Heavy fighting broke out and four people killed by terhis fellow terrorists committed
rorists; his body was found in suicide in their cells in Stammleastern France on October 19, heim jail (see also Nov 12).

7. The USA and range of the state of the sta

Restations with Somalia.

Parts of the Criminal Law as part-time chairman of British are to Mr Kerry Packer were severe penalties for football hooliganism, came into force.

Miss Cynthia Nicholas, a 19- Michael Edwardes succeeded year-old Canadian, set a new him.

Tecord for the non-stop two- 23 A Dutch minister and his way Channel swim—19hrs was Channel swim—19hrs were killed by terrorists announced.

The Mousetrap celebrated its Silver Jubilee.

13 In Massachusetts, the police released the 50-year-old file on the Sacco-Vanzerti case. 29. By eight votes to five the Sacco-Vanzetti case.
European Commission of 14 Britain had its first trade that the surplus since July 1972—£141m. its powers should be subject to checks.

Twelve people were killed offer and an independent of the Polish shipbuilding when a bus hijacked by guer-inquiry into pay. rillas exploded near Bulawayo. 28 Mr M. Caransa, a Dutch 17 Dr Conor Cruse O'Brien contended that fewer than half the Mr Tom Keating was arrest combined population of N Ire-ted and charged with conspia united country; he resigned from the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party.

Dacca the 144 hostages were released in return for nine prisoners in Japan and £3.5m.
29 British Leyland received a

of public money

A single bottle of wine— Chareau Lafire, 1806, was sold were published.
at Christie's for £8,300 5. The United States withdrew 30 At Orly airport, Paris, police from the International Lubour stormed a hijacked Caravelle; Office.

Sea erounds Guerrillas murdered a six-month-old child in Rhodesiathe third white child in four months

October I Pele finally retired 4 "Back us or sack us" was the Prime Minister's challenge at the Labour Party conference In Belgrade, 35 nations began The British Lions lost the areview of the Helsinki agreement of 1975 (see also Nov 4), three matches to one.

15. England regained the Ashes. ist Party was shot dead in gang, committed suicide in her Dublin 6 The 1977 Nobel Prize for

Literature was awarded to Senor Vicente Aleixandre 7 A new Soviet 147-article con-stitution replaced that of Stalin of 1936 9 Sharkel Makhouf (1828-1898) Lebanese hermit, was proclaimed a saint Unofficial reports from Uganda stated that Mr Robert Scanlan, the British-born engi-

neer, had been beaten to death awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace become the fifth in line to the Prize; that for 1976 was throne. 10 Amnesty International was awarded to Miss Mairead Corrigan and Mrs Betty Williams, leaders of the N Ireland Peace Movement

Sir Neville Mott shared the 18 imperative". Nobel Prize for physics At Wembley, England beat Nobel Prize for physics 12 A record price for a camera \_£21,000—was paid : Christie's

for the destruction of his energy over President Sadat's proposed his peace plan: Israel to withpolicy A memorial commemorating all those who "laid down their lives for Christ and conscience" during the Reformation was unveiled in Westminster Abbey

A Luttnansa Boeing 737 en route from Majorca was his

plus \$15m; on the 16th the states of India was reported to pilot was murdered at Aden; have killed 8,000 to 10,000 plus \$15m; on the 16th the on the 17th at Mogadishu. German commandos stormed the aircraft and freed the 87 hostages; three of the hijackers were killed (see also 18th and

Nov 12). Dr C. H. Green, an Americiation condemned the Soviet cal college at Oxford.
Union for abusing psychiatry 14. Mrs Thatcher stated that if

the Conservatives clashed with 3. Mr Bhutto, former Prime, the unions, then a referendum Minister of Pakistan was would be held.

arrested in connexion with a The Spanish Government murder in 1974; he was sent to granted amnesty for political

5. Near Cologne, Dr Hanns anew in southern Lebanon. Martin Schleyer was kidnapped, 18. Andreas Baader and two of

6. Kala-azar (black fever) killed leaders; Mr D. Woods, editor Macedon (336 BC).

record for the non-stop two way Channel swim—19hrs wife were killed by terrorists.

55min.

9. Fifteen men were publicly executed in Kampala for an alleged plot egainst President Ethiopia.

24 Somalis ckidned that 2,000 leaves aiding alleged plot egainst President Ethiopia.

25 New members of the Order President Sadat stated that he was ready to negotiate with Israel alone: Mr Begin accepted President Sadat's call to a Caira summit meeting (see also

Amin.

12. Dr Waldheim presented Mr
Brezhnev with the UN's peace medal.

Mr Steve Biko. a black leader in S Africa died in detention; on Dec 2, at the inquest, the security police were 125 New members of the Order President Sadat's call to a Cairo summit meeting (see also Dec 25).

Israel alone: Mr Begin accepted President Sadat's call to a Cairo summit meeting (see also Dec 25).

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See Chose Culham for the the right of an unmarried woman to evict her partner from their home; leave to

ton; on Dec 2, at the inquest, the security police were cleared of any blame for his crease in personal allowances; the court had on two occasions, death—a verdict denounced in London and Washington.

London and Washington.

13 In Massachusetts, the police creased holiday allowance.

released the 50-year-old file on the court had on two occasions, denied that right.

Rhodesia claimed that last week, 1,200 guerrillas had been creased holiday allowance. week, 1,200 guerrillas had been 27 Mr Jeremy Thorpe denied killed in air and ground raids

surplus since July 1972—£141m. Five South African soldiers had been deliberately killed; 15 A House of Commons report and 61 African guerrillas were Bishop Muzerewa declared a killed in a clash on the border week of national mourning, between Angola and Namibia. 29. Swan Hunter Tyneside out-The Police Federation fitting workers voted against accepted a 10 per cent pay overtime, thereby losing 252m

> millionaire, was kidnapped in Amsterdam; he was freed for 31 The US, France and Britain vetoed motions in the UN Security Council to impose

19 A pay claim strike by 9,000 against S Africa; on Nov 4, the British Leyland workers began.

20 A report by Professor Julius : mandatory sanctions on the Gould maintained that higher supply of arms.

to first time home buyers; a revival of inner-urban areas. New rules on mixed marriages

were drawn up by the Roman Catholic Church and other 29 British Leyland received a loan of £50m from the NEB Catholic Church and outer Spain approved the granting of home rule to Catalonia the Committee of Public tries called on Russia and her allies to recognise human rights.
The Scotland and Wales Bills

a passenger was killed
Soviet vessels were banned limited to criminals; prisoners from fishing in the EEC's North of conscience would not be

India and Baneladesh signed

an agreement, after a 25 years' dispute, on sharing the waters the Ganges.

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bodies were found. The European assembly Elections Bill (sec also Dec 13). 12 Ingrid Schubert, the sixth member of the Baader-Meinhof

13. Somalia expelled 5.000 spondent of The Sunday Times.
Russian advisers; it also broke off diplomatic relations with in Australia was returned to office. Mr Gough Whitlam and the first official strike by induced he would relinquish firemen began after their the Labour leadership.
claim for a 30 per cent pay in 12 West Germany confirmed crease had been refused; 10,000 that more than 1,000 Naro

A son [Peter Mark Andrew] throne. with representatives of Egypt.

16 British Leyland was divided Israel, the US and the UN into: Leyland Cars: Truck present.
and Bus; Special Products: The H Leyland International

the 17th and 19).

Italy 2-0: the latter boat Begin mer in Washington. at ! Luxembourg on Dec 3 to qualify 17 Inflation dropped to 13 per Christie's for the World Cup. Cont.

13 President Carter strongly 17. The Egyptian Foreign Mini- 25 Mr Begin met President for the description of king annies | Ster and his deputy resigned Sadar & Issue | S

Johannesburg.

President Sadat reiterated his objection to Israeli troops on the West Rank route from Majorca was big Isroel; he addressed the jacked by two men and two Knesset the following day; he women; their demands were arrived back in Cairo on the the the West Bank.

people. At Funchal in Madeira a TAP Booing 727 crashed and 130

people were killed. 21. British shipbuilders signed n. Green, an Ameri- 24 cargo ships: on Dec 12 the can philanthropist gave £1m. Government admitted it had towards founding a new medi- given a subside of cal college at Oxford obtain the order (see also 29th). 22. After two years of legal argument, British/French Concorde began operating London Paris New York. 23. The Commons voted against

proportional representation for the Scottish Assembly. 24. Mr Ian Smith invited Rhodesia's internal nationalist groups to an immediate conference; he accepted the principle of one man, one vote; the Pat-riotic Front said it would fight

Among the bequests in the 19. South Africa banned anti- on, will (gross £1,664,000) of Lord apartheid organizations, closed. A tomb at Vergina, 40 miles Britten was £100,000 to estabitwo newspapers and arrested west of Salonika, was identifish a charitable fund. between 50 and 70 black fied as that of Philip of

about 4,000 people in eastern of the Daily Dispatch, was Conservatives held BourneLodia.

7. The USA and Panama signed
a new Panama Canal treaty.

The Luth by Matisse 25. The High Court found that
a new Panama Canal treaty. national Cricket Conference and the Test and County Cricket

he had ever been involved in a on camps in Mozambique: it plot to harm Mr Norman Scott. denied that women and children

order.
The Home Secretary declared had entered the country illeg-ally before Jan 1, 1976.

December

1 The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 came into operation.
South Africa's ruling National

Party achieved an overwhelm-ing majority in the general election. 2 Two reports on the Crown Agents gave details of mis-management involving losses of at least \$200m; on the 5th the Commons voted against a secret inquiry; on the 8th the Prime Minister said that a tribunal, under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Exidence) Act 1921, would be

held.

The TUC urged the fireme Barbados on Concorde, having to seek a settlement. travelled 56,000 miles in 13 Riots followed the Riots followed the execution, ravelled 56,000 miles in 13 Riots inhowed the execution, ountries. in Bermuda (the first in 30 Russia offered to suspend years) of two men, one convicted of the murder of the Governor, Sir Richard Sharples in 1973.

in 1973.
The leaders of Libya, Algeria,
Traq, South Yemen. Syria and
the Palestine Liberation Organization met in Tripoli to unify opposition to the Egypt-Israel peace moves; on the 5th President Sadat expelled their ambassadors (except Iraq's). 4 Mr Begin visited London. A Malaysian Airlines System, Boeing 737 was hijacked by the Japanese Red Army en route to

ingapore and crashed in Julaysia, killing all 100 people on board. Jean-Bedal Bokassa crowned himself emperor of the Central African Empire at a cost of

£14m.

5 The murder of a farmer by guerrillus in Rhodesia brought the number of white civilians killed there to 115. 6 The second tribal homeland in S Africa, Bophuthatswana

8 The Socialist Government of Dr M. Soares in Portugal was voted out of office.

9 Miss Rita Nightingale (24) was sentenced to 20 years' im-prisonment in Thailand for attempted drug trafficking.

10 A body in a Cairu suburb was identified as that of David Holden, chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times.

men of the armed forces dealt secret documents had been with fires.

15. Mr Begin invited President 13 The Government was de-Sadat to visit Israel (see also feated by 97 votes on its recommendation to use proportional representation for the European Assembly. 14 The Cairo Conference pnened

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Acas and ruled battle for Dire Dawa.

11 President Ibrahim al-Hamdi Lord Scarman, in a lecture invalid a recommendation that In Lebanon, the first clashes of N Yemen was assassinated, thought that "A Bill of Rights Grunwick's should recognize March between Christians Sir Neville Mott shared the 18 imperative".

Anex. Anex. 16 President Cester and Mr.

> visit to Israel.
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> Miss Mary Stavins (20) of dan and Gaza strip to have
> Sweden was elected Miss World.
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> Mr Bonaventura Sipho choice of citizenship, sovereign-Malaga died in detention in ity to be left in aberance;

> > Jack Longdale

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came into being.

7 Britain had a surplus on the balance of payments of £3,431m

# Mr Jenkins will be judged on how he handles changes that are bound to shake the EEC

Commission, Mr Roy Jenkin's probably feels considerably more relaxed than he expected Things are starting to go right new Commission—the main direct elections the European for the Commission, even themes of the next few years Parliament will have no more though signs of positive achieve—are beginning to emerge; and powers than it has now—and

between the Commission and the European Council—the

some of Europe's more intractable current problems, such as
unemployment and inflation.
There is a greater air of realism about in Brussels.

At the same time, the recovery of the British and
Italian economies has taken at
least some of the strain out of
EEC policymaking, and has
helped to induce a calmer atmosphere. The question now is
how the Community can profit
from this turnaround, and on
that there is as yet no consensus. Roy Jenkins's own
ideas in this field are more

utive (ie the Commission), the
national governments, and the
national governments.

In the important thing about a
national governments.

In the premises of enlarge

governments.

However—and this is the

Part of Mr Jenkins's relative
success is that he has established an effective relationship
between the Commission and take in Spain, Portugal and

better as the new Messiah, who was going to end the lethardy and frustrations of the Ortoli era, and get the Community off to a new start.

Today people are more reconciled to the fact that reform of the Community institutions is going to be a long and tortruous task, and that there is not much the Community as such can do about some of Europe's more intractable current problems, such as a considered in the context of the enlargement talks.

As with evlargement, so with how powers can be transferred in a peaceful, orderly and ment. Here again, the most crucial questions are not those thick currently attract debate: the date of elections, the method of voting, and so going to be a very different there is not much the Community between the exectable current problems, such as a majonal governments, and the

At the end of his first year as radical than a majority of his from national politics. After institutions has been shown president of the European Commission colleagues will direct elections, the number of during the recent recession. Commission, Mr Roy Jenkins accept—let alone the national such "moonlighters" will be and the degree of policy coordinates the second of the degree of the seco

very few.)
But this does not alter the ment are still few and far it is on these that any new these powers are very few. The between.

The programme has to base itself. European Parliament has no legislation. It has limited authority over a part of Com-munity expenditure—but none,

between the Commission and the European Council—the thrice-yearly summit meeting of heads of government of the Nine. The European Council has just concluded, under the presidency of Belgium (the most efficiently "European" of all EEC member states), an unusually productive meeting, which actually took some useful decisions—on the budget, the size of the regional fund, and in approving the Commission's plan for a new loan to stimulate energy investment. The second factor going for Mr Jenkins is the sharp reduction in expectations over the past year. His initial difficulties in Brussels were partly due to sheer lack of understanding of the peculiar administrative machine—a defect which has now largely been rectified; and partly because he was unwisely billed by too many better as the new Messiah, who was going to end the letharry and frustrations of the Ortoli the entire Commission—con-tingency planning needs to be done now to try to determine



during the recent recession, and the degree of policy coor-dination between member states is increasing steadily.

The development of harmonization and supra-national decision-making has varied greatly, depending on the relevance of the issues to national governments, and the degree of opposition by entrenched national interests. So what is emerging is a loose functional confederation,

loose functional confederation, in which member states retain considerable autonomy, but accept the commitment to abide by the rules of the club and to take into account fellow-members' needs when framing policies; a confederation in which in some areas, but the state of the club in the club in the confederation in which in some areas, the confederation in which in some areas, the club in the confederation in which in some areas, the club in the club in the confederation in the club in the confederation in the club in the club in the confederation in the club in the club in the confederation in the club in t but by no means in all, the main focus of decision-making has passed from national to supra-national level. Such a structure is likely to prove durable so long as it remains flexible, and the frontiers of national sovereignty are likely to change with changing pressures and circumstances.

sures and circumstances. But it this pragmatic evolutionary process is to continue, there has to be more effective planning at the centre to try to anticipate the critical issues, and to suggest ways in which they might be defused. For what is clear is that the Community is moving daily more deeply into territory where the Treaty of Rome gives little guidance, and where new insights are needed.

In default of a European

Brookings — and one hopes
very much that some such
independent but authoritative
European "think-tank" will be in operation before long-such forward planning can only effectively be done at EEC effectively be done at EEC level by the Commission. Now that Mr Jenkins and his team have settled in, and the crisis atmosphere of the post few years shows signs of simmering down, it is extremely important that they should concentrate on establishing the structures, and laying down the guidelines, whereby Europe can begin for the first time to plan its furure. It is on this, in plan its future. It is on this, in the last analysis, that history

Michael Shanks For lack of private discipline everywhere innocence is

# Why the world of Elizabeth I was not so unlike our own

The jubilee this year has not provoked the parallel of a new Elizabethan age that was such a platitude 25 years ago. Perhaps it seems so obvious that there can be no real comparison between our present state of declining influence and self-confidence with the virile and expansionist England of Gloriana, Drake, Raleigh and Shakespeare. The first Elizabethans, as we all know from infancy, were full of creativity and achievement, and had little in common with us in mood.

Or did they? Perhaps a few words from the old Eliza-bethans—not entirely selected out of context-may suggest that both Elizabethan ages have much in common—certainly in sharing the traditional English self-depreciation and idoliza-tion of the past.

The justice Ralph Rokeby is one of numerous Elizabethans who sounded like a disgruntled who sounded like a disgraphic correspondent to the Daily Telegraph: "In these our times", he wrote, "honest behaviour and fair conditions are so far gone to decay, that the old man's proverb . . is verified. Oh! it is not now as it was in times past when we were young men!" A government committee considering legislation a little earlier, in 1559, could have been voicing the law and order arguments of four centuries later: men could only be made better by fear of varichment for "by the fear of punishment, for "by the looseness of the times no other remedy is left but by awe of law to acquaint men with virtue again".

Pessimistic voices from the

early days, before the glories of the reign had produced optimism? But the queen herself, at the end of her life, could book back nostalgically to the simpler, violent but straightforward middle ages: In those days force and arms did prevail, but now the wit of the fox is everywhere on foot, so as hardly a faithful and virtuons man may be found". There was general agreement on one main cause of the looseness of the times" -lack of discipline, especially among the young. Black Paper philosophies were common property even among men now thought of as radical. Was it not the early Protestant Bishop Latimer who "never saw, surely, so little discipline as is nowadays"? "Alas", he cried, "where is this discipline now in England? "The queen's now in England? The queen's own tutor, Roger Ascham, is remembered for his progressive The Schoolmaster, which urged gentle and pleasurable instruction, but it too looked back to a golden age which only firm teaching could ressore.



gone, bashfulness is banished, deed, attracted their usual much presumption in youth, small authority in age, reverence is neglected, duties be confounded". His patron and the queen's chief minister, Burghley, agreed with the diagnosis and differed only in putting the blame on parents more than schooling: "the unthrifty looseness of youth in this age was the parents' fault, who made them men seven years too soou, having but children's

soon, having but children's judgments".

A generation later the complaints had not lessened. An epitaph to a York couple (1599) could record baldly that their 16 children were "not bad, as children now are, but all good"; and as for adolescents, there is the shepherd's wish in The Winter's Tale that "there were no age between ten and three and twenty... for there is nothing in the between but getting seem pallid beside a figure like Cartwright, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, who wished to enforce the Old Testament death penalties for adultery and blasphemy; and Mrs Whitehouse might blush at the sweeping condemation of pernicious influences like the thearre that, it seems, created the first Elizabethan permissive society. Do not plays, asked Philip Stubbes. "induce whoredom and uncleanness? Nay, are they not in the between but getting wenches with child, wronging the ancientry, stealing, fight-

share of grotesquely exagger-ated. comment. The First Book of Homilies, familiar to Book of Homilies, familiar to all Elizabethans from regular readings in church, declared boldly that "above other vices the outrageous seas of adultery ... whoredom, fornication, and uncleauness have ... overflowed almost the whole world". The protesters of the Festival of Light seem pallid beside a figure like Cartwright. Professor of

permissive society. Do not plays, asked Philip Stubbes, induce whoredom and uncleanness? Nay, are they not rather plain devourers of maidenly virtue and chastity?" The author is lecturer in His kindred spirit, the economic and social history at

earned immortality for his syllogism: "The cause of plagues is sin and the cause of sin are plays; therefore the couse of plagues are plays". And what of provocative female -mons and unises decentracy? "Such storing attire", wrote another cleroyman, William Harrison, "as in times past was nght housewives only is now become a habit for chaste as I sober matrous, I have met with some of these trolls in London so disguised that it hath pessed me will to divorm whether they were men or women."

Mr. House, wen'd find the climate of economic grievances dipresently sentiar, the Conr nuing inflation prayaked many attempted remedies, while it much success, and still more

The world is changed from tast Not to the better hat to the More for a penny we have Than now for four peace, who list to compare.

Immigrants were blamed for native inertoforment, and if they were European and not New Commenceach licency spoke with the same accent. Aliens here have then was a satirical post declared as early as Henry VIII's time, "and Englishmen clean decay." And there was that perennial griev-ance of the weather—perhaps with some justice in some later years of Elizabeth, when crops failed disastrously. "Our years are turned upside down", preached John King in 1595. with some justice in some later Our summers are no summers. our harvests are no harvests." And the moral climate was deteriorating in sympathy, if the old men with long memories could be trusted. John Stow, looking back to the good old days before the Reformation. spoke of the present time (1598) as "the most scoffing, respectless and unthankful age that

ever was ". Yet many men were to back from the troubles of Stuart kings and their Parliaments to see Elizabeth's as the golden age they had lost. Plus ça change. . . If there is a moral anywhere here, it is surely that we judge ourselves much more strictly than our descendents will. And those tedious jere-miads by "the idiot who praises with enthusiastic tone, all centry but his own", need to be taken with more than a grain of salt. turies but this and every coun-

David Palliser

ing ...". His kindred spirit, the economic and social history of The sins of the flesh, in- preacher Thomas White, has the University of Birmingham.

mullet", replied the youth

indifferently.

# Bernard Levin

# Wanted, some impeccable tales of Kai Lung

which there was no glimmer of recognition. Yet surely I cannot be the last among the living to remember, and indeed lutely all that was known to read still, that enchanting about him; only Junius, the and unique series of books? I Tichborne Claimant and B. and unique series of books? I appear to have only three on my shelves-Kai Lung Unrolls His Mat, The Wallet of Kai nothing but the titles of his Lung and Kai Lung's Golden books—not even his year of birth was recorded—and his selvtizing fervour has led me, over the years, to thrust other volumes into the bands of potential converts, for there then briefly. were several more collections of the tales, and I collected them all assiduously. (If the proselytizing worked, let the sciences, for if they are now of the company of the blessed, I bear them no grudge for their a series of chances led him to converts be easy in their con-

of his mother's maiden name; scripts and other literary he was really Ernest Bramah he was really Ernest Bramah and to which it adds daily by the freight-trainful—and from entirely and fanatically out of this, together with assiduous the limelight that, until an researches in England, he was

Book Collector in 1966, his name, together with the fact that he died in 1942, was abso-Traven seem to elude identifiused to declare that they had met him only a handful of times in several decades, and William White, in the article

in the author by acquiring an addiction to the books, and depredations.)

The Kai Lung stories were written by a man whose penname was Ernest Bramah, the surname being an adaptation a series of Chances led him to a cache of Bramahiana at Texas University—the very walls and floors of that infinitely hospitable institution must be in danger of collapse from the immensity of manufacture.

or two. It seems that Smith-Bramah was born in 1868, tried farming without success, then moved into journalism; that it is possible to trace his life and movements in some detail (for instance, he went to Manches carion more thoroughly. His ter Grammar School) from his early childhood until 1897, when he was 29; and that for the remaining 45 years of his life he vanishes as completely Villon when he got his head out of the hangman's noose for

The books remain. And they offer a particular kind of delight that has now vanished—I think entirely—from our literature. Some of the ingredients still exist: his beautifully-tailored style, for instance—reminiscent of a I have mentioned, explains that he first became interested more robust Logan Pearsall-Smith, a less cruel Evelyn Waugh, an unrumbustious Wodehouse—together with his delightful wit (the barb so carefully concealed that it only begins to sting some time after it has been withdrawn), his

fantastic and apparently effort-less imagery, and his almost imperceptible yet very shrewd philosophical stance. These are all rare enough today, and the combination of them is rarer still, but what

I quoted Kai Lung the other American enthusiast, William able to piece together about as Bramah added when all those day and was met by a look in White, published an article much biographical material as strands were woven together which there was no alimmer of about him in The American would cover a matchbox-label were two things now wholly missing from even the best literary work: he never raised his voice, and he never bur-Those who have followed me

so far without managing to dis-cover anything at all about the books I am writing about may be forgiven if they conclude through clenched teeth that there is at least one man writing today who also never hurries. But the truth is that the art of Ernest Bramah, at any rate in the Kai Lung stories the also wrote a series about a hind detective called Max Carrados, and for that matter a work called A Guide to the Varieties and Rarity of English Regal Copper Coins: Charles II—Victorial is an elusion that II—Victoria) is so elusive that it is very difficult indeed to encapsulate for those to whom it is upknown. The tales are recounted by

an itinerant. Chinese story-teller, Rai Lung, and some-thing of the flavour of the works can perhaps be gathered quoting his own description himself and his trade, couched in that curious self-deprecatory style that is supposed to be (or to have been) the halfmark of the Chinese:

to which has been added that of Lung. By profession I am an incapable relater of imagined tales, and to this end I spread my mat wherever my uplified voice wherever my uparties voice can encice together a company to dissen. Should my feeble efforts be deemed worthy of reward, those who stand around mey perchance contribute to my scanty store, but sometimes this is

judged superfluous. The tales themselves are smally set in a correct: that is, they are not simply a string of stories but are told for a particular reason, generally to get the story-teller out of some difficulty or danger. Indeed, in the most sustained of the books, Kai Lung's Golden Hours, which is almost a novel, every one of the tales is nar-

rated in order to postpone his own execution from day to day, rather like Scheherezade, day, rather like Scheherezade, and at the end he manages to turn the tables entirely on his unjust accuser. The stories are strewn with and proverbs of insincerity of purpose to seek for the Emperor in the low-class teashops", "He who is compelled to share a cavern with a tiger learns to stroke fur in the right direction", "In shallow water dragons

become the laughing-stock of shrimps"—each of which is delicately but perfectly fatted to the particular use made of it, the analogy it is designed to point up. And he can provide the seesaw with two ends: "Of the Mandarin himself

those who know speak with vague lips. What is done is

done by the pressing hand of one Ming-shu, who takes down his spoken word; of whom it is truly said that he bears little resemblance to a man and still less to an "Yet", protested the story-teller hopefully, "it is

wisely written. He who never opens his mouth in strife can always close his eyes in peace'."
"Doubtless", assented the other. "He can close his eyes assuredly. Whether he will ever again open them is

Even from those few examples I think that the gentle rhythm of the prose can be felt, but what cannot be conveyed by brief citations is the very crisp attitudes he held. To call them moral would be to risk overloading his fragile sampan, but they are: humble righteousness (which Kai Lung

represents) is invariably vic-torious, and the stories them-

ele's just been checking

Callaghan's New Year's

are shot through with a mock-cynicism that is full of relish, generally show the grasping and the oppressive cast down. But whether Braman is pointing some simple truth, or merely spanning his perfumed web, he is full of a rinkling wir that keeps the reader with a perpetual smile of pleasure on his face. Try another sample, this one from a conservation this one from a conversation between a youth reluctant to emback on matrimony and his grandfather urging him to it: "Is there not one Ning of

the worthy line of Lo, dwelling beneath the emblem of a Sprouring Aloe?"
"Truly", agreed the youth; but at an early age she came under the malign influence of a spectral vampire, and in order to deceive the creature she was adopted to the navigable portion of the the navigable portion of the river here, and being announced as having Passed Above was henceforth regarded as a red muller."

Yet in what detail does that deter you?" inquired Chang, for the manufe of his grand-son's expression betrayed an acute absence of enthu-siasm towards the maiden thus concerned. "Perchance the vampere was not deceived after all. In any case this person dislikes red

Bramah can be serious, though still always within the intricate framework of the convention he uses: there is one fine tale, for instance, which is really a horror-story, and several of martial valour and the like, though in those too he does not fail to draw his firm does not fail to draw his firm conclusions, in which courage and loyalty are held up as qualities to be desired. (He does not, however, lose sympathy with Shweik-like makingerers, of whom he provides a richly-filled gallery.)

As I have suggested, it is rare for me to find a fellowenthusiast for these confec-tions, though I am in good company in my taste for them: among his admirers have been Belloc, John Buchan, Gissing Bret Harte, George Moore, Quiller-Couch, Shaw, Dorothy Sayers, and Israel Zangwill. I do not even know whether any of his books Belloc, are in print; but if there is any Kai Lungian bookseller reading this column, let him take it as an order for copies, in good condition, of The Moon of Much Gladness, The Mirror of Kong Ho, and Kai Lung Beneath the Mulberry-Tree.

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# THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

# Food, glorious food-and the long wait ends

Having listened for more years than I care to remember to the workhouse boys from Oliver! vainly sighing for food glorious food. I felt distinctly relieved on Wednesday night to watch them tucking into a feast.

Not only that, but unlike
Dickens's pathetic original, they asked for more-and were given

Lionel Bart's lyrics inspired the menu: hot sausage and mustard, cold jelly and custard, peaches and cream. The "great big steek" emerged as beef casserole, but I heard not a single complaint.

Oliver! has taken up residence in London, at the Albery, after a riproaring provincial tour. For Wednesday night's after-the-show gourmandizing, cast and guests erupted to the stage from the auditorium.

Dodging the midnight saveloy all hot under the collar about munchers, I managed to have a the column marked WOG on He is now solvent once again and looks it. He is acting as department store. It means, consultant on the present simply, With Other Goods.

revival of Oliver! and still seems confident that Quasimodo. his musical version of the Hugo novel which has been an on-offon-off idea since the early Sixties, will open in London some time next year. He would not reveal his choice for the role of the hunchback.

I liked the way he summed up the essential difference between Oliver! and Quasimodo. "Oliver's basic theme is: What is Love? Quasimodo's theme will be: What is ugliness?"

An hour earlier I had watched a spotlight smite Mr Eart as he stood up in the stalls to acknowledge the roars of the first-night audience. It was a demonstration of warmth that stopped just short of bysteria.

Memories stirred . . the night now almost historic, in the same theatre (though it was then The New) when Oliver! took its bow in the West End. Could it really be as long ago as June 30, 1960?

I hope nobody is going to get the column marked WOG on invoices from Heal's, the

# Strong counter attack in defence of the gnome

I have called down on my head the wrath of gnome-lovers because of my less than ecstatic reception of the news that a Gnome Club of Great Britain is being planned. I am accused of being unfeeling unimaginative, pompous and insulting. That final charge worries me the most. It implies that there really could be such things as gnomes, and the dread inference I draw from that sentiment is that the projected club might become a reality after all.

A milder reproof, in the form of a shrewdly timed PR exercise, comes from New English Library. They have sent me a copy of a sumptiously produced book called Gnomes which strikes me as being the ultimate in leg-

Wil Huygen's text on the life style of the gnome is straightfaced and affectionate and the many colour illustrations by Rien Poortvliet should make garden-gnome manufacturers hang their heads in shame at their own crude

My only fear is that the book makes out such a convincing case for the existence of the gnome that the more incensed of my critics will send me a copy of it, bearing some such legend as "Boo sucks: now my saying there aren't such

To save him (or her) the expense, I refer him/her to an editorial note on the jacket. It refers, without ambiguity, to "made-up-

And if he/she lives in Greater London, which seems likely from the postmark. I would refer him/her to the map in the book which shows that there are no gnome colonies in the area and that his/her report of sightings is probably the result of drinking too much mead dew, a beverage to which the book says the gnome is

# Some do's and don'ts for America's Everyman

Thorough and thoughtful as always, the United States Air Force has provided British journalists visiting Berlin with a document entitled Customs in Germany. It contains advice for newly arrived servicemen. It tells them, for example, about attitudes: "Unfortunately, the typical American in

about the United States and the American way of life. Answer questions frankly and do not always add or boast of course everything is better in the States'. Also be aware of sensitivities concerning past his-

What is most useful, I susthe eyes of many Europeans is still 'rich, rowdy, loud, impolite, boastful, and impatient'. What is most useful, I suspect, is the explanation of the natives' habits. "When Germans

"You may be asked questions eat, the fork is held in the left bout the United States and the hand and the knife in the right, cutting each bite just before eating it. The food is carried with fork in the left hand. "Also, when eating food which needs no cutting the hand not in use is put on the table next to the plate, contrary to the American custom of

placing it on the lap. A special fish knife is used when eating



" Park with your bonnets facing the fence", says a car park sim, obviously aimed at the ladies, on the Culloden baitle

# When K stands for compromise

Knoedler's, the famous old firm of New York art dealers, taken over by the oil magnate Armand Hammer in 1970, is reanimat-ing its London branch in New Bond Street. The New York gallery's new

managing director, Lawrence Rubin, has persuaded John Kasmin to form an equal partnership called Knoedler Kasmin Ltd and run the gallery in revamped premises at Savory and Moore Lawrence and Moore House, opposite Sotheby's

The lively and much liked Mr Kasmin had his own gallery near Archbishop Serapheim, the by in Bond Street from 1963 Orthodox Primate of Greece, to 1972, where he showed such artists as David Hockney, whom he still represents, and leading American abstract painters like Frank Stella, the subject of his opening exhibition with Knoed-

After closing the Kasmin Gal-lery he dealt for five years from first floor premises in Clifford Street. His old partner, Lord Dufferin and Ava is re-

By the time Mr Hammer took over Knoedler's, it had lost a good deal of the reflected glory of its heyday, when it helped build most of the big American

collections of old masters and Impressionists.
As for Mr Kasmin, he will have a free hand in London, plus a good deal of security. The only thing he could not change was the gallery's name. He has compromised by putting up a board outside with a large on it.

A ballpoint pen on sale at a London comprehensive school bears the legend: Rockeby Comperhensive.

## Why the eagle had to go

was obliged to change com-pletely the design of his personal standard—a black, byzau-tive double-headed eagle ser against a yellow-gold back-ground—when he found that it-looked looked very much like the ball team.

It appears that every time he drove past in his limousine with his flag flying, the team's supporters would cheer or hurlabuse, depending on the team's performance in their last march. The new standard cerries the

byzantine monogram of Jesus X with a superimposed P.

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# A NEW MAN AT THE FED

Federal Reserve Board Dr Arthur Burns has become a symbol of financial rectitude at bome and abroad. He has been a fearless champion of the use of monetary policy in the battle against inflation and has fought to preserve the independence of the Fed from the executive branch of government.

The existence of a strong and independent central bank makes the pursuit of a non-inflationary monetary policy both easier and more likely. It acts as a brake on the typically more freelyspending government; and ensures that monetary as well as fiscal objectives are conspending sidered in the formulation of economic policy. It is to be hoped that Dr Burns will remain on the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System and continue to make a strong contribution to American monetary policy. However, the position of the Fed on the key issues now facing America will depend on his successor, Mr G. William

The Federal Reserve Board has been at the centre of recent controversy over whether there is a need for more government action to stimulate expansion in America. It has been severely criticized by the American Congress for following an over-restrictive credit policy and for counteracting fiscal stimulus with monetary tightness. In fact the money supply this year has

During his eight years as consistently overshot the growth Chairman of the American targets set by the Fed, although

> Despite his reputation as a financial conservative Dr Burns waited for some time before raising interest rates in an attempt to curb the excessive money growth. The two point rise in the autumn, while attacked by expansionists in Congress and obliquely by the Administration itself, was no more than was consistent with the faster growing economy. The problem for next year is how to maintain the growth in America, which has been so much greater this year than in the rest of the industrialized world, without tipping the balance towards faster inflation.

President Carter has made clear his intention to administer a fiscal stimulus to the economy through tax cuts in the spring. He believes that the danger of renewed recession now outweighs that of a resurgence in inflation. There are increasing signs that world growth, which has been much less than hoped and indeed expected this year, will be even more disappointing next. The possibility of slump in 1978 is a real one. In this context the willingness of America to lead all the other industrialized nations must be welcomed. It is, however, essential that a firm grip on the money supply is maintained in the United States as elsewhere. Mr Miller's role will thus be

His views are not yet known

to the public. As the President's own appointment he is likely to by no more than for example be more sympathetic to the aims in West Germany.

of the White House than was Dr Burns. It has been thought in Washington that the present Chairman is very doubtful about the need for considerable further stimulus. Mr Miller has spoken about the need to combat unemployment and inflation together, and to coordinate monetary and fiscal policy to this end.

> Although Mr Miller is not expected to oppose the thrust of the President's measures to stimulate the economy it is to be hoped that he will use his position to ensure that growth is non-inflationary. A larger final deficit need not finance further inflation if the money supply is kept under firm control. The use of fiscal deficits to combat the present failure of the industrialized world to grow is winning new advocates. The huge balance of payments surpluses of the oil exporting nations have been a drag on the world growth. To some extent the fiscal deficits in the major countries are the counterpart to this. A monetary policy which combined with fiscal policy to keep inflation under control while effectively attacking unemployment would be fine if it were feasible. It may prove, however, that the only monetary policy which controls inflation is one which slows growth through its effect on interest rates. If so, Mr Miller will have to fight hard for monetary control.

## NO MORE TO BE GOT OUT OF IT

It is seldom that a group of workers goes on strike with such a sense of rectitude as the firemen have shown. The quite exceptional eagerness of ordinary union members to justify their position to the press and the public indicates that the cypical or apathetic spirit in which so many strikers in other industries obey the call to come out has little place in this dis-pute. When the delegate meeting of the Fire Brigades Union called the strike last month, many of those voting must have imagined that the action would be brief, or that the Government would capitulate merely under the threat of it; fire stations have in effect been manned throughout the strike by pickets ready to act whenever life is in danger.

David Pallise

This very conviction of righ ness, together with a lack of familiarity with the hard reali-ties of industrial power politics, has caused the strikers to persist in their action with a determination that would be admirable in other contexts. It is no small thing to endure seven weeks without strike pay, and it is bitter to face the possibility of

defeat after so long. But yesterday's long meeting of the FBU executive showed that divisions in the union are becoming sharper, even though the executive failed in the end to accept the logic of the situation that confronts it. Only a second delegate conference has power to end the strike before its objects have been fully achieved. The executive should have called a delegate conference and made a firm recommendation that it should endorse a return to work.

The terms offered three weeks ago already concede the main point that the union sought to establish. They offer guarantees of a permanent improvement in long-term status which were not on offer at the outset of the strike and which many other groups of workers would grasp at eagerly. A fireman's pay would be related to the move-ment of average earnings in such a way that it would rise over the next two years to parity with the average earnings of skilled workers (those in the top quar-ter of the industrial league) from their current level close to the average of all workers in industry. Pay would be maintained thereafter at the same relative level. But the firemen still insist on

30 per cent now, instead of the 10 per cent offered. Everything that has happened during the strike has made in seem less likely that they have any hope of getting it. The TUC general council has rejected an invitation to intervene. Most important, the local authority manual workers, who were originally demanding 30 per cent or more, have settled for 10. Some of the union leaders involved made it clear then that they would be back for more if their employers made settlements elsewhere in breach of the Government's guidelines. Not only the Government, but also an increasing number of workers, have good reason to oppose the general assault on the 10 per cent rule that the firemen hope to stir up. There is far too much at stake now for them to be allowed to win that point. Carrying on a hopeless battle can only do lasting harm to the fire service and prolong the public danger, to no realistic end.

# PUTTING THE TEST TO THE TEST

For its latest test of the MoT vehicle safety test, Drive, the magazine of the Automobile Association, bought an old banger and trailed it round the garages of England and Wales. No one passed it, but there was wide inconsistency in the identification of its defects and the severity with which they were condemned. To this Mr Arthur Johnson, the chairman of the Agents Association's technical panel, has replied: "If I went to a number of doctors, dentists or solicitors with a problem, Pd end up with different views and advice. It

Mr Johnson puts his finger on the most important point of the case against him. Medical, dental and legal advice is taken from people in whose training, competence and professional honesty a reasonable measure of confidence can be placed. Not so, it has to be said, with garage mechanics-not, that is to say, the same measure of confidence. Yet they are empowered to grant or withhold the test statute certificate which requires and to order (subject. o appeal) repairs to be done as in condition of issuing a outificate. It is a responsibility

all boils down to interpretation.'

ev easily abused, either illigently by careless inspec-n, or venally by taking bribes profiting from unnecessary

Complaints come from more than, one direction, from those who say that the testing is not rigorous and reliable enough and therefore does not make its proper contribution to road safety, and from those who think that the garage trade exploits the statutory rules to take advantage of them. The com-plaints mount as the bureaucracic momentum gathers: as the tests become more elaborate, more expensive, and more tenuously connected with the avoidance of accidents (exhaust

pipes? windscreen washers?). The whole system as it has grown up is ripe for thorough cost-benefit analysis. There is a difficulty, however, which is not just that of putting a money value on the kind of benefits looked for; the difficulty is to track down the benefits at all. It may seem self-evident that a mechanically defective car is more likely to cause an accident over a given milage than a car free of those defects, and that the difference of probability is significant enough to justify the measures which have been introduced. But it would be just as well to have confirmation of that, belief from the systematic study of road accidents.

Such study as has been done is not as conclusive as might be expected. Between 1970 and 1974 the Road Research Labora-

tory looked into some 2,000 accidents in Berkshire, that was before MoT testing was enlarged in scope and supposedly tightened up. In only 8 per cent were vehicle defects found to be a main contributory factor, and in two thirds of that number it was the tyres or brakes which were at fault. This should be compared with the official estimate that "deficiencies of the road environment" largely responsible for 28 per cent of accidents, and that human error contributes to 95 per cent.

The comparison at least makes it relevant to ask whether the money and resources employed in the attempt to enforce general standards of vehicle maintenance could not be more effectively employed within a programme for the prevention of road accidents. Three years ago the Minister of Transport concluded that the benefits to be expected from an improvement of the testing system would be small, and would not justify either the public cost of setting up government testing stations or the direct cost to motorists of largely extending the scope of the test. There was missing from his statement any assurance that, by the same criteria, the testing system as it had then established itself yielded benefits that out-

#### Fewer immigrants Prom Mr Jan Martin

Sir, Three major factors he behind the fall in the numbers of immigrants admitted for settlement in the third quarter of this year which you report today (December

The fall of 52 per cent in the on of British citizens reflects the fact that very few worchers are now being taken up in East Africa and the fall is continuing: in the first nine months of this year only 1,499 vouchers were issued towards an aunounced quota of 5,000. Despite this British chizens in India, almost all of whom went there from East Africa in desperation when the quota prevented them from entering Britain, must still wait three years for vouchers. Why has the Government failed to reallocate unused vouchers to reduce this waiting period?

The fall of 30 per cent in the admission of Bangladeshis reflects dramatic rise in the proportion f applications refused, which was 10 per cent of applications pro-cessed in early 1976, and had leapt to 39 per cent in the second quarter of this year. It would be highly implausible to assert that such a dramatic increase reflected changing proportions of genuine and bogus applications. The truth is, as Mr Alex Lyon, MP, told the Select Committee on race relations and immigration, that since his dismissal "the officials have now them is into their heads to do taken it into their heads to do exactly as they want in the sub-

The fall of 53 per cent in admis-sions of Indian citizens, however, does reflect the small number of applications now being made in India by dependants, other than newly-married spouses. It is thus early confirmation of the falsity of the conclusions of the Hawley

report that immigration from the Indian sub-continent would not decrease substantially when current applications from wives and children had been processed.

weighed its costs.

The belated attempts to clear the backing of applications by wives and children in Pakistan, reflected in an increase in their admission, are to be welcomed. But the Home Secretary ought not this Christmas to be congratulating himself, as I suspect he is, on folling immeration. He ought to be feeling thoroughly ashamed at the hard-ship of divided Bangladeshi families and excluded British citizens in India at whose expense it has been brought about. Yours sincerely,

IAN MARTIN, General Secretary, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, 44 Theobalds Road, WC1. December 22

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Pay and pensions in Civil Service

From Lord Orr-Ewing Sir, For more than three years there has been pressure in both Houses of Parliament for a more open and objective way of calculating pay end pensions in the Civil Service, so that they are comparable with industry. On November 18 (without much publicity or subsequent press comment), the Lord quent press comment), the Lord Privy Seal announced a new arrangement for supervising the Pay Research Unat.

Many of us have been pressing for a reconstinution of this unit, with an independent chairman and at least half the members coming from outside the Civil Service. It has been argued for several years that the value of virtual "unsackability", fully indexed pensions and other advantages, were worth more than the 11 per cent reduction in salaries which was subtracted from Civil Service per to give contract. Civil Service pay to give compara-bility with the private sector.

bility with the private sector.

The Government have retained 100 per cent Civil Service manning of the PRU. The "independent viewpoint will be put by a new body to be (confusingly) called the Pay Research Unit Board. This is a board which will meet only as required. The Director of the PRU will be an ex officio member of this supervisory board. The cheirman and all the members are, it seems, to be appointed by the Prime Minister from outside the Civil Service.

Enormous sums are at stake, and

Enormous sums are at stake, and if justice is seen to be done, it would be infinitely more satisfactory if the independent members sat on the Dell when the data is only if the independent members sat on the PRU, where the data is collected and the detail work done.

Comparability is an extremely difficult job, and can only be carried out by those thoroughly well versed and with long experience in the pay and pension field. It is to my mind essential that the Institute of Actuaries should be brought into the picture when mathematical the picture when mathematical formulae and assumptions have to be made. It should not be left in the hands of the Government Acturies Department, who, once again, are civil servants.

Finally, the Government announce that new procedures are not to come into effect until 1979 (or 1980 in the case of scientists). The PRU has been in suspense since July, 1975. Why not reconvene it now and include a majority of independent members, patient a more object. dent members, so that a more objec-tive comparability can be built into the increases to be given at the end of 1978?

Yours faithfully, IAN ORR-EWING, House of Lords. December 27.

### Reform of Parliament

From Mr Richard Luce, MP for Shoreham (Conservative) Sir, Sir William Hayter, in his letter of December 28, is both defeatist and uninformed about Parliament. This is most uncharacteristic of him.
Invitation at Parliament's recent
vote on the European elections is no
excuse in the sweeping condemna-

I believe that there is an urgent need to strengthen the legislature vise-vis the Executive. Many other politicians feel the same. The Select Committee on Procedure has been established to review all the procedures of the House of Commons and is due to report sometime in 1978. Sir William is therefore unjustified in stating that "no one can force a reforming committee on a sovereign Parliament". The House of Commons set up such a committee in 1976.

Rather than suggest that such a problem is "insoluble", Sir William should submit his views to the Select Committee as to how the House of Commons should be reformed. RICHARD LUCE, House of Commons.

## Price of Scotch abroad

December 2s.

From Dr R. Cianfanelli. Sir. As a citizen of Italy, for many Sir. As a citizen of Italy, for many years one of the world's top consumers of Scotch, and as a convinced anglophile and European, I must point out that the sad story of Mr Johnnie Walker (red label) being forced into exile by those naughty EEC bureaucrats is reported rather unfairly in this

As every traveller will confirm, a bottle of good Scotch whisky can be bought in any Rome or Milan supermarket at around £2.40 while in London or even in Edinburgh the in London or even in Education in identical bottle costs over £4. This difference is entirely due to high taxation of spirits (and wines) in the UK. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr Johnnie Walker chose to become a tax exile. Yours sincerely.

RENZO CIANFANELLI, 8 North End, NW3. December 22, :

#### National Land Fund From Mrs Ruth Colver

Sir, The House of Commons Select Committee on Public Expenditure may, it seems, recommend the allocation of the remaining part of the National Land Fund to a new national heritage council or commission empowered to use it retain in Britain treasures liable to be exported. Admirable as this purpose may be, the very name "Land Fund" surely implies that some of it be spent on treasured landscapes: though not exportable, their natural beauty, their value as the habitat of flora and fauna and their accessibility to the public are at risk from modern agro-business. All the British soldiers, sailors

and airmen who gave their the war gave them for their Native Land; so it is fitting that a fund established as their memorial should safeguard the original landscapes as well as pointings of them.
To quote Gerard Manley Hopkins: After comers cannot guess the beauty been." Yours faithfully, RUTH COLYER, chardene. Shillingstone,

Blandford,

Dorset December 28.

# A transition period for Palestinians

From Lord Caradon

Sir, In recent years I have many times travelled through the towns and villages of the West Bank, and listened in many meetings to the views of the Palestinians. They are of one mind in their hope for a state—small it is true but their own—in which they can take their own decisions, elect their own leaders and run their own covernment.

They have told me, moreover, that they dearly long for a period of freedom and transition—say two years—in which they can again engage in political discussion and decide their own fate and plan their own future. And they are determined to live in close association and convertion with Lordan and and cooperation with Jordan and with all their neighbours.

This idea of a period of construc-tive transition may provide a way out of the impasse in the present discussions on the Palestinian issue berween Egypt and Israel.

How would it be for the area in dispute to be placed under international trusteeship for a period of two years during which time a boundary commission would hear both sides and make recommendations as to the border between them,

the Palestinians would prepare their own constitution and elect their own government, and international guarantees backed by an international peace force would

come into effect? Genuine self-determination for the Palestinians is essential. But selfdetermination cannot be immediate. Nor can it be long postponed. A plan for international supervision and guarantee for an adequate period would be more acceptable and much more justified than any attempt at sudden transformation

or indefinite postponement, We have now suffered ten years of delay and division and drift. After a short period of hysterical hope there is a dreadful danger of sinking back into hopeless and most dangerous procrastination.

What is now required, I suggest, is an urgent international initiative in favour of an international transition—a transition to Palestinian freedom and Israeli security.

Neither is possible without the other. Both are still attainable.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH CARADON,

But in attempting to reply to his critics Mr Justice Lawson is reported by you as saying that "It (the jury's verdict) may have been a merciful verdict and I am bound to act in accordance with that verdict". In the first instance it is no part of the task of any jury to arrive at "merciful" or for that matter vengeful verdicts. The jury, properly directed by the trial judge.

properly directed by the trial judge as to the law, and assisted by his

summing up of the evidence is required to find a verdict on the facts as the law applies to them. The old practice in the days of capital punishment of recommenda-

ions to mercy was highly specific

in being directed to the question of

hanging and in any event was by no means infrequently disregarded. The Judge's reference to the possibility that the verdict might have been "merciful" is irrelevant, but the

that the verdict might have been "merciful" is irrelevant, but the suggestion that he was bound to proceed in accordance with such a "merciful" verdict would appear to be based upon a doctrine which is as dangerous as it is novel. The task of sentencing belongs to the trial judge who must exercise his own thoughts for the purpose

own thoughts for the purpose.

If comparison is made with the

Liddle case by reference to other similar homicides committed in the

course of, or in close temporal proximity to other crimes, then the

sentence of 12 months bears not the least resemblance to the norm. It

lends support to the view that in exceptional cases the Crown ought

exceptional cases the Crown during to be able to appeal against the sentence on the grounds that it was flatly unreasonable and, as in this case, against the public interest since it seems to set so little store by the value of human life.

Yours faithfully, TERENCE MORRIS

Trematon Castle, Saltash, Cornwall.

#### Manslaughter sentence From Professor Terence Morris

Sir, Contrary to a good deal of critical opinion the majority of High Court Judges, when sentencing offenders, usually manage to get the sentence right, in terms of what is a reasonable combination of punishment, deterrence, and an expression of sober public attitudes, towards the crime in question. When, however, they get it wrong they seem sometimes to get the sentence hopelessly wrong.

In this context I would suggest that Mr Justice Lawson in passing a sentence of 12 months imprison-ment on Ralph Liddle at Winchester ment on Kappi Lindie at Whichester Crown Court after he had been found not guilty of murder, but guilty of the manslaughter of a young man of 18 made such an error. The reaction of the boy's father, a man who had served the while of a police of the survey of the served the such is a police of the survey of the served the such is a police of the survey of the servey of the survey of the surve public as a police officer in Hamp-shire for 20 years, in resigning from the force is as regrettable as it is understandable. But it is all too easy to dismiss such reactions as a frustrated desire for retribution and revenge. While perhaps few would wish now to go along with Fitzjames Stephen in his desire that "criminals should be hated and ... punishments so contrived as to give expression to that hatred". Parliament has not yet leniclated away the ment has not yet legislated away the principle that grave crimes, of which homicides are surely among the gravest ought to be marked other gravest; ought to be marked, other things remaining equal, with sentences which reflect that gravity. None of the circumstances ordinarily associated with the passing of a light sentence for manslaughter—severe provocation, "mercy" killing, and so forth—seems to have been present in Liddle's case. A sentence of 12 months cannot, in all seriousness reflect the gravity of seriousness, reflect the gravity of this crime, the circumstances of

degree of deliberation. Documentary on S Africa

From Mr Antony R. Thomas Sir. Your leading article on the sub ject of the television discussion programme following the last film in the series The South African Experience on December 21, raises crucial issues about a film maker's responsibility to his public.
It is significant that every atti-

tude I hold on the question of a film maker's responsibility to his public was shaped in and by South Africa. When I returned to that country in 1962 after graduation, I was deeply sensitive to criticisms that were being levelled here against "my country". At that time Afrikaans intellectuals were attempting to refine apartheid out of its crude origins and had coined a new phrase "separate develop-ment". There was talk of massive redistribution of land to make the "Homelands" viable entities, selfgovernment for blacks based on traditional forms, development of black trade and industry without unfair competition from whites, etc. At the age of 22, I attached my-self enthusiastically to this socalled verligte movement, and in fact made a film for the South African Government called The Anatomy of Apartheid. It was the most important lesson of my life. The film had given me un'imited access to townships and "Homelands" where blacks, instead of rejecting me out of hand, patiently pointed out the wide gap between

London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street. December 21.

theory and intention-let alone practice. The lesson learnt was that a film maker must try not to bring any preconception to a subject. He must devote at least twice the time he intends to spend on his actual filming to his preliminary research,

and he must rely absolutely on his own personal sense of right and wrong and that of his close working colleagues.

Above all, he must declare the subjectivity that guides him. I attempted to apply these principles, even when I lived in South Africa. All my research notes on the next documentary were confi-

scared by the police, and I was detained and cross-examined on two occasions that year. In 1967, it was made clear to me by a senior official that my career as a documentary film maker in South Africa was finished. The South African authorities may now regret the fact that they allowed me back this year, but they cannot accuse me of hasty prejudgment. Indeed, I have seen "apartheid" from both sides, and my recent documentary films have emerged from that experience. What has panicked and pained the

regime, as well as its British backers

and apologists is that millions of Britons have had the opportunity to share a hard-won truth. Yours faithfully, ANTONY R. THOMAS. Monnow Cottage, Clodock, Longtown, Herefordshire.

#### Licensing photocopying From Projessor T. E. Allibone, FRS

Sir, 1 write as one of the members of the 1952 Copyright Committee to support the objections raised by Professor Beinart and others of Birmingham University (Letters, December 24) to the proposed abolition of the right to have single copies of copyright works made by photocopying machines for one's own use for private study or research: the Whitford Report recommends that a blanket licensing system be introduced so that fees may be collected for owners of

copyrights.
The 1952 Committee was anxious that our copyright law should be close to the Brussels Convention of the Berne Union; freedom to make photocopies under certain well-defined restrictions is enjoyed by citizens of European countries without a licensing system being enforced and such freedom ought not to be denied to us.

We gave very careful consideration to the way by which safeguards offered to copyright owners could be eroded by the application of modern technical developments to the provision of material under the "Fair Dealing" clause; our Part 3 dealt with this subject in great detail. The Royal Society contended that the making of single extracts from scientific books and periodical publications was essential to re-search workers; other learned societies concurred and our report laid down strict conditions to be followed by a librarian or by a nonprofit-making body when supplying

a photocopy to any one person at a cost which had to be not less than the true cost price plus an appropriate overhead charge, and the Act embraced all our recommendations.

menoations.

Since then I have especially noted the behaviour of librarians when I have asked for photocopies of material for study, librarians ranging from those in the British Museum to those in small county and town libraries and I have never seen a failure to apply the safe-guards of the Fair Dealing clause in the Act, Clause 7; provided these are strictly maintained the intro-duction of a fee-collecting procedure with all its attendant humbug to librarians and its cost to the student appears to me to reduce the advantages which technology has provided. Moreover the machines are used in universities and libraries for the speedy duplication of non-copyright material and to distinguish between which copies are to carry a licence fee and which are not would add significantly to the cost of operation.

It is true that since 1952 coin-operated machines have been widely installed in public places and are used for reproducing non-copyright as well as copyright material; for the former, a blanket licensing fee would be unjust, for the latter it would be impossible to pay the fee to the rightful owner. Yours faithfully, T. E. ALLIBONE, York Cottage. Winkfield, Windsor,

Berkshire.

## Protest against apartheid

From the Reverend Paul Ocstreicher From the Reverent Paul Oestreicher
Sir, Dulwich College, argues Mr
C. D. Hoare (December 28), should
not have refused to 'play rugby
against the Diocesan College, Cape
Town. The refusal, he tell; us,
caused white South African liberals
to react with emotions "ranging
from discovering to description." from disappointment to downright anger". That reaction only proves how right the headmaster of Dul-wich was to call off the match. wich was to call off the match.

Mr Hoare's long letter wastes no words on the feelings of the majority of South Africans who are black, poor and oppressed. They would be gratified and encouraged by such an act of solidarity far away in London. That the wealthy white parents who send their children to this church school would like it to be church school would like it to be integrated is true of some of them and of Anglican church leaders. So far, that has made no practical far, that tras made no practical difference. Unlike some Roman Catholic school, this Anglican college has not admitted black pupils in defiance of government policy. Until it does, it would be deeply insuling to the majority of Cape Town's children to accept its sport-

own's children to accept its sporting credentials.

During this past year black children have suffered intolerably. In protest at their patherically inadequate educational structures that have gone on to the streets. Their stones have been answered with police bullets. Many have been killed. This is what even those white South Africans who dissike apartheid manage again and again to impore

to ignore. Possibly before too long the Diocesan College will be permitted token integration. But 99.9 per cent of black parents could not even begin to find fees which even many whites cannot afford. When wealthy white parents agree to make genuing white parents agree to make genuin; integration possible by finding the money to pay for black pupils in large numbers, the time will have come for friendly football matches. To his credit the captain of the Dulwich team refused to play. I am reluctant to believe that the headmaster cancelled the match in ignorance of the moral issue and only because he feared a hostile demonstration. because he feared a hostile demonstration.

I write not only as a trustee of South Africa's now banned Christian Institute but as an Anglican parish priest in Lewisham, only two miles from Dulwich College. Having some knowledge of the discussions that preceded the cancellation I can say that the Bishops of Southwark and Woolwich, in opposing this match, were keenly aware of the implications of such an issue for race relations on our own doorstep.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL OESTREICHER, Ascension Vicarage, Dartmouth Row, SE10.

#### Arnhem tribute From Mrs David Novce

Sir, I am disappointed that a recent significant event seems to have passed unnoticed by your newspaper

people of Arnhem paid tribute to the courage and bravery of the small British force who held the north end of their famous road ridge for four days in September 1944 against eventually overwhelming odds. They have renamed the bridge the John Frostbrug, in honour of the then Lieutenant-Colonel John Frost. DSO, MC, the commander of the 2nd Battalion

Parachute Regiment, whose men mainly comprised the force. The Dutch waived their rule that bridges in Holland may not be named after the living and, as part of a civic ceremony involving the opening of a new road bridge across the Rhine, the old bridge was re-named in the presence of Major General (Retd) John Frost, CB, DSO, MC.

Although of a generation younger than those involved in the 1939-45 conflict, I was immensely moved by this warm gesture and, in this somewhat cynical age, feel unashamedly proud and grateful for General Frost, and men and women of courage like him, who bave put and who are putting their lives at risk in the service of their nation. Yours faithfully, DIANA NOYCE.

HQ P & SS (Germany), RAF Rheindahlen,

#### In Regent's Park From Mr J. D. Judah

Sir, No one doubts the vitality of the sculpture in the Regent's Park. It is its impact on the surround-ings which concerns some of us-After all, the work of John Nash is itself a magnificent example of British art; but it is being invaded by objects which neither enhance the original surroundings nor them selves appear happy against their background. For example, there is new bandstand at the waterside, concrete bowl in the onen air theatre, a concrete waterfall in the Morecambe and Wise, one notices a series of new artefacts.

The park has something to offer everyone at all seasons of the year, and I don't believe that anyone's sense of humour would be at risk if the statue were moved. I fancy that there is a very suitable gollery for it not a stone's throw from Baker Street. Yours faithfully,

J. D. JUDAH, 14 Clarence Gate Gardens, NVI.

#### Divine light From Mr Paul . ewman

Sir, The idea of red and green lights in confessionals to indicate whether they're occupied or not is not a recent innovation, as PHS infere in his note (December 21) on a new Catholic church in Richmond. Our local RC church, St Joseph's, has had them for some three years ... but then Buckinghamshire has so often been ahead of the times, despite its reputation as a conservative, reactionary county.
Yours faithfully,
PAUL NEWMAN,

The Queensway, Gerrards Cross. Buckinghamshire.



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

December 29: The Queen arrived at Sandringham today.

# Birthdays today

Professor Sir Hedley Atkins, 72; Mr Anthony Cripps, QC. 64; General Sir David Fraser, 57; Viscount Gage, 82; Sir Reginald Groom, 71; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 69; Sir John Prideaux, 66; Sir Albert Robinson, 62; Lord Taylor, 67; Lurd Terrington, 62; Sir David Willcocks, 58; Sir Henry Wilson Smith, 73.

#### Latest wills

Kathleen Spencer Fenton, of Grange-over-Sands, left £67,467 net. After personal bequests of £3,300 she left the residue equally among the Wood Green Animal Shelter, RSPB and St. Dunston's. Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed): Cannon, Mr Victor Metcalfe, of Poole Cannon, Mr Victor Metcalfe, of Poole £172,414
Shone, Mr Dourlas James Sandford, of Burford, antique dealer £201,387
Thomas, Sir Ben Bowen, of Bangor, Permanent Secretary of the Welsh department, Ministry of Education, 1945-63 £16,458
Whyte, Mr James, of Birdham, engineer £177,953

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include Mr B. E. Whitaker, assistant managing director of Nasti, to be managing director, in succession to Mr E. W. MacGowan. Mr N. W. Dacey to be board mem-ber, marketing, and Mr N. Webb-Bourne, board member, supplies. Mr C. H. Christie, Warden of St Edward's School, Oxford, to be director of studies at Brimmia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth,

# in September, in succession to I

University news Oxford

Cambridge
P. Hatchinson. MA, has been appointed a university lecturer in German for three years. CHURCHILL COLLEGE. Miss M. Mackenze. coopinator of humantires at Henbury School. Brisiol. has been slocted to a schoolmistress follow STING'S COLLEGE. Elected into senior unofficial followships: Elizabeth Thompson. MA, PhD. Fellow of the College;

Professor E. M. McGirr, BSc. MD. Mulrhead Professor of Medicine, lias been appointed administrative dean of the faculty of medicine and professor of administrative medicine, in succession to Professor A. J. Haddow, BSc, MD, FRS, who is retiring.

Aberdeen Appointments
Lecturers: Music, B. A. R. Cooper, MA, DPMII (Oxon); R. B. Williams, BMIS (Wales), PhD (Cantab); Wales, PhD (Cantab); Biomedical ferencer, BA (Cantab); Biomedical Biomedical

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. C. Addison Smith The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Canon and Mrs A. C. Addison Smith, of Easingwold, Yorkshire,

# and Rosalind, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Hall, of Sum-merfields. Escrick, York.

Mr J. B. Dutton and Miss E. O. Waddell The engagement is announced between Lieutenant J. B. Dutton. Mr E. Dutton and Mrs L. W. Starr. of Curzon Park, Chester, and Elizabeth daughter of Dr and Mrs M. O. Waddell, of The Old Vicarage, Lydden. Dover, Ken.

# Mr S. C. Fox and Miss S. F. S. Campbell The engagement is announced between Shamus, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Fox, of Chiddingstone Hoath, Kent, and Sarah Fiona, daughter of Dr and Mrs Scott Campbell, of Langton Green, Kent.

Dr P. S. Marsh and Mrs J. V. Lacey

# The engagement is announced between Patrick Marsh, of Belfast, and Patricka Mary Lacey, of Malborough, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. A. C. Don. Lientenant M. J. Pottard, RN and Miss G. A. W. Hayes

and Miss G. A. W. Hayes
The engagement is announced
between Michael Jeremy, elder son
of Mr and Mrs A. G. Pollard, of
Hoodcore Gardens, Winchmore
Bill, N21, and Gail Ann Wauthier,
ouly daughter of Mr and Mrs
A. J. Hayes, of Freston Gardens,
Cockfosters, Hertfordshire.

# The engagement is announced between Michael Townley, elder son of the lare Mr G. T. Rawlings and of Mrs X. D. S. Rawlings, of

The Old Vicarage, East Langdon, Kent, and Sara, daughter of the late Mr R. A. North and of Mrs R. A. North, of Boquhan House, Balfron, Stirlingshire.

# Mr C. J. V. Ryan and Signorina P. A. Zanolio

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of John and Priscilla Ryan, of 12 Airlie Gardens, London. W8, and Antonella, daughter of Bruno and Ebe Zanollo, of Via Juvara 16, Mantua, Italy.

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D. L. Foulkes has been appointed a reader in law at Uwist. Belfast

#### Mr Alan Jenoings, MSc (Manc) has been appointed to the second chair in civil engineering. Other appointments

The Rev M. Sargent, Vicar of Lift-pol. Parkstone, Dorsel, discose of Salis-bury, on January 31. The Rev F. A. O. Sanders, Rector of Stalbridge, Dorsel, discose of Salis-bury, on March 31.

Other appointments
Lecturer: Spanish, T. J. Dadson, BA
Locusts, PhD (Canlab).
Readers: Dr J. D. Alion, physiology:
Dr D. R. Boyd, chemistry: Dr C.
Meban, anatomy: Dr J. Welsh, computer science.
Senior lecturers: Dr P. A. Glibbs, agricultural and food bacteriology: Dr R.
V. Storative dentistry: Dr S. D. Mc.
Carlan, Dure mathematics: Dr R. J.
Alcens, anatomy: Dr D. B. Prior, seagraphy: Dr J. Turner, psychology.
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the Multiple Scienost Society of Great
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The Roy M. L. Clement, Vicar of
Rackwood, and Hural Dean of
Reckwood Mary's, Abergatoma,
The Rev D. C. Lewis, formers,
Dean and Rector of Si John the
Spulist Calhedral Belire, to be Vicar
of St Mark's, Newport, diocese of
Monatouth.

# Science report

# Palaeontology: Apes of Asia

Fossil remains recovered recently from rocks in Pakistan are casting the evolution of man's ape-like ancestors in a new light. It is

| Leading to the emergence of man are clearly the remains of dense complicated than had been supposed. | At least three genera of homiknown that sweeping environ-mental changes in the Milicene period, nine to 14 million years ago, caused great diversification of the hominoids, the primate group to which both apes and men beloog. During that period the thick tropical forests that covered thick tropical forests that covered Asia and Africa contracted and the hominoids seem to have been driven into more open wondland. It has been suggested that the stimulus for the emergence of man from his apelike ancestors was a further shift, to open grass-

and that view is challenged by recent discoveries in Pakistan, China and Hungary. The discoveries in Pakistan, China and Hungary and colleagues from the London University, California University and the Geological Survey akistan, suggest that were more apes are a relatively "aberrant" branch of the modern apes are a relatively "aberrant" branch of the Miocene.

Why the evolution of the Miocene.

Why the evolution of ham is made rather more mysteriom by recent fossil for recent for recent

The provisional selections for promotion to date December 31, 1977, are confirmed. Provisional selections for promotion to date June 30, 1978, are as follows:

At least three genera of hominoids made the transfer from detase forest to more open woodland. Of the three, Sivupidicus, the earliest men, and while the design of the control of the con Gigantopithecus and Ramapithecus, it is Ramapithecus that is believed to have evolved into the earliest aren, the honuaids. That means that the early nominoids branched into a

suited in the development of man is made rather more mysterious by recent fossil finds. For various reasons a chauge of habitat seems an unlikely trigger for the development. First.

grassland is now known to have occurred after the emergence of the earliest men, and while the decisive transformation from hominoid to hominid may have occurred in Africa, the "cradle of mankind", Ramapithecus may have reached Africa from an early evolution in Asia, where many more specimens have been

found.

Professor Pilbeam believes that as more hominoid remains are analysed it will be possible to sort out the tangle of evolutionary lines and trace the divergent development of apes on the one hand and men on the other. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Nature (268, 699; 1977 and 270, 689; 1977). of C Nature-Times News Service,

and Miss C. J. Manning The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Colonel and Mrs A. H. Dennis, of Berk-

named, Herrfordshire, and Chris-tine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. C. Manning, of Ashley Green, Buckinghamshire.

#### Mr D. Eliot and Miss C. S. ff. Hubbard

Mr R. A. Dennis

and Auss C. S. H. Hubbard
The engagement is announced
and the marriage will take place
chartly between Dominic, son of
Mr Peter Eliot, of Shardeloes,
Amersham, and Mrs Jenuffer
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Buckinghamshire, and Catherine,
daughter of Dr and Mrs Mark
Hubbard, of 158 Cheddon Road,
Taunton, Somerset.

# Mr R. W. Lloyd and Miss Y. E. Wyles

The engagement is announced between Richard William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Z. Lloyd, of Arcley Hall, Stourpore on-Severn, Worcestershire, and Yvonne Elise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence V. Wyles, of Pine View, Norton Lane, Earls-wood, Soldrull, Warwickshire.

# Mr J. I. M. Murray and Miss B. A. Cobb

The engagement is announced between James Ian McLaren Murray, of Corran, St Andrews, Fife, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs James Murray, and Barbara Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs S, John Cobh of Huntington, Kington, Herefordshire.

## Mr B. D. Prothero and Aliss J. L. Edmondson

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of the late Mr H. J. Prothero, and of Mrs M. Prothero, of St Andrews, Fife, formerly of Great Crosby, Merseyside, and Jocelyn, daughter of Judge and Mrs Edmondson, of Ambleside, Cumbria.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Jeremy, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J. S. Redfern, of Wellington, Shrooshire, and Anne Margaret, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. B. Thompson.

# Dr C. P. Taylor and Miss D. G. S. Peck

and Miss D. G. S. Peck
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, son of Mr
and Mrs N. Taylor, of The Croft,
Ullesthorpe, Leicestershire, and
Deborah, daughter of Judge Peck,
of The Manor House, Princes Risborough, Buckinghumshire, and
Mrs T. W. Sandeman, of Littlehill,
Pulborough, Sussex.

## Today's engagements

Changing of the guard, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.
Jubikee stamp exhibition: National
Postal Museum, King Edward
Street, City, 10.4.30.
Imperial War Museum: "Master
drawings of the two world
wars", 10.5.50.
Camping Outdoor Holiday Exhibition and Motor Caravan Show,
Olympia, 10.8.
Walks: "In the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes", meet Embankment station, 2; Historic London
public houses, Dockland, Tower
Hill Station, 7.30.

### Church news

Retirements

Church in Wales

# Government aid sought to improve London's roads By Our Motoring Correspondent modest road investment pro-

Many new houses 'of bad

design and in wrong place'

Direct aid from central government is urgently needed to bring London's main road network up to the standard of other British and European citles, according to Movement for London, the transport pressure group.

We hope that the GLC will take our figures fully into account in their long term planning. At present they are assuming only minimal growth in the car population, based on old figures."

estates has been as universal as it has been massive in scale, the association says. "Social problems for today and tomorrow are being built into our towns and cities in this way."

The review continues to isolate housing as if it were in no way connected with land, land values, or the form and function of cities, it says. "So long as housing policy remains the task of specialists having no point of contact with or part in the planning of human settlements the resultant

Transport and Road Research
Laboratory.

Mr Andrew Warren, secretary
of Movement for London, said:
"Pressure on London's road
space is going to grow far faster
than can be accommodated within
the Greater London Council's to cater for this need".

It says that by 1990 London may have at least 680,000 more cars than today and the increase might be as much as 1.250,000. Its estimates are based on forecasts by the government-supported than 14,000m were up to dual carriage-by the government-supported more than 14,000m ay year in taxes and were not patting a fair deal

25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, Dec 30, 1952 Eisler out of favour

From Our Own Correspondent Berlin, Dec 29.—The fickle jade of Communist favour has now descreed the Office of Information of the east German Government which, it is officially announced, which, it is officially announced, is to cease its activities on Thursday. Its work is to be done by the press office of the Chief Minister and the services of Professor Gerhart Elsler, who has been the head of the Information Office, are to be either dispensed with or rigidly controlled. Professor Eisler's name became well known in the United States and Britain in 1949 when he stowed away in

the Polish ship Batory in order to escape anti-Communist proceedings in America. He was taken ashore by force at Southampton but a British court declined to but a British court declined to order his return to America, and he then came on to east Germany as a bero. He was at once given the rask of organizing an information service. For a time he seemed to be a trusted member of the inner Communist councils but for most of this year his department has been the centre of uncomplimentary whispers and his own removal has been foretold many times. This was unofficial until recently when the new drive for reform and for consolidation of Communism in east Germany officially enveloped the press and information services as it has done nearly everything else.

# top as pen friends

By our Planning Reporter

Much new housing has been built in the wrong place, often to inhuman design and at exorbitant cost, the Town and Country Planning Association states in its comments, published today, on the Government's housing policy review.

The polarization of housing development into single-class estates has been as universal as it has been massive in scale, the Scottlsh children send most of their requests for penfriends to France, rarely seeking contact with North Africa, Beigium, Swizerland, Austria or Latin America.

That is stated in a report by the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges which also discloses a "flood" of requests from Japanese schoolchildren for pen friends in a wide range of countries. In the case of Scotland it seems to have been stimulated by a recent visit to Japan by the Bay City Rollers.

Extracts from the bureau's report were published in The Scottish Educational Journal vesterday. In 1976-77 it received 2,723 requests from Scots children for pen friends in 33 countries.

The largest number of requests was for countries whose languages are taught in schools. The overwhelming majority of requests were for France. 1,802, compared with Germany, 95; Spain, 43; and Italy, 11.

English-speaking areas formed rice second most important group. There were 254 requests for American friends, 170 for Canada, and 78 for Australia. attention.

Given that the 960 such areas that have been declared represent only the tip of the iceberg, the record is quite inadequate. Similarly, the housing action area programme of only 190 declarations is not an achievement of which the Government should be proud, the association says.

"The blame must lie with the Government, who have cut back and held down the finance for these sectors."

will remain in Rio until Saturday when they will go to Sao Paulo, 400 miles south.

The Swedish Embassy Stated that the royal couple's visit is private except for a courtesy visit to President Ernesto Geisel in Brasilia on January 12. They will also visit the Amazonic capital of Magazine.

## Correction

The Story of the Invention of Steel Pens by Henry Bore (1892) was reprinted by R. C. Phillips Ltd., of Oxford, by permission of British Pens Ltd., not by Philip Poole, as stated in the Special Report on handwriting (December 2).

# Crown Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands on skis yesterday at Lech, Austria, where she is on holiday with her family. French are

## Swedish royal couple on Brazil visit

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 29.—King Carl Gustaf and Queen Sylvia of Sweden arrived here today for an 18-day private visit to Brazil. They will remain in Rio until Saturday

also visit the Amazonic capital of Manaus.

While in Brazil, they will stay most of the time with friends and relatives of Queen Sylvia's Brazilian-born mother.

At the airport reporters were warned in advance not to ask political questions. Speaking in English King Carl told the press: "We would like very much to stay here until Rio's famous carnival in February, but unfortunately that will not be possible. "We have to work, too", he said.—AP.

# **OBITUARY** PROFESSOR P. A. SHEPPARD Major work in meteorology

Professor P. A. Sheppard, water. His writings and his lec-CBE, FRS, Peter Sheppard as tures were mouels of lucidity he was known, died in hospital and the same talent made him ing academic meteorologist

Brunt in 1952 and in the following two decades, until his retirement in 1974, his department became world-renowned as a centre of post-graduate teaching and of researches car ried out by Sheppard and his distinguished colleagues. There was a continuous flow of mosphere of critical discussion of European space research.

numerous visits to European countries and to North America wearing one or other of his many hats.

After graduating in physics at Bristol in 1927 and spending two years on the staff there he joined the Mereorological Office at Kew Observatory soon to the understanding of airflow

directors of the Meteorological Office and at least four FRSs.

on December 22, aged 70, He much in demand on commiton December 21, ages our lead-tees going beyond his own was for many years our lead-tees going beyond his own was for meteoralogist expertise. Among his impor-He succeeded to the chair of meteorology at Imperial Countries of the Meteorological Research Committee of Lordon and Countries of Lordon and Committee of Lordon and Committee or Lordon and Committe lege, University of London on the retirement of Sir David of Defence, 1958-68: president Rocal Meteorological Society 1957-59: member of the Science Research Council 1967-Science Research Council 1997-71: chalman of its Space Policy and Grents Committee 1865-71: and chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the European Space Research Organization fund vice-chairman of ESRO. students and staff members, the latter two being onerous attracted by the stimulating attracted by the

famous.

Sheppard in turn was much in demand abroad; in 1963 he was Visiting Professor at the University of the professor at the continual meetings and journeys abroad, aimost commuting, as he said, in Paris and Linear transfer of the professor at the University of the professor at the University of the professor at the University of the professor at the profes in demand abroad; in 1963 he was Visiting Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and he also spent time in Australia, India and the Soviet Union as well as making numerous visits to European which apart from his CBE and his FRS, the honorary degree of DSc. Leningrad, was perhars the most prestizions although his qu'ile recent degree of DSc from the University of

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at Kew Observatory soon to concerting to students, prepare for the International revealed a genuine interface Polar Year, 1932-33, which he spent as a member of a small British team in the Northwest Territories of Canada producing results in atmospheric electricity of which he was always rather proud. From that time onward, until he became Reader in the Imperial College in 1939, he was one of a group working for the War Office on boundary layer turbulence and boundary layer turbulence and diffusion in connexion with chemical warfare, a group which made some remarkable fundamental contributions to His wife, Phyilis, was a frenear the ground and inciden-quent companien on his travers tally provided two successive and a charming hostess at and a charming hostess at their home in Seer Green-Office and at least four FRSs, where they entertained fre-Sheppard's research interest quently and generously. Her continued in the same specia-death in 1975 was a grievous lity leading among other things blow to an already ailing man lity leading among other things blow to an already ailing man to some unique determination but he continued with his comof the drag of the wind on the mittees and his friendships to earth's surface, both land and the end.

## MR NORMAN MACDERMOTT

Mr Norman Macdermott, the theatrical producer, who died on December 23 at the age of the first World War.

88, will be remembered for his the particular he put an end on December 23 at the age of 88, will be remembered for his attempt to give London its own repertory theatre, comparable with that of Birmingham and with the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, during the early 1920s. This was the Everyman, Hampstead, founded by him in 1920 author was still in mid career and handed over to another management in 1926, later to works not yet oroduced.

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Macdermott's co He had had experience as a scene designer in Liverpool of the new playhouse—a converted drill hall—"opposite Hampstead Tube Station". The hope that it would be the don audiences and a few English plays of quality such as Outward Bound and The mott did his best service at the Exhibition for the Festival of Everyman by linking up with the pre-1914 pioneer work of Granville Barker at the Court about his tenure of the Every-

scene designer in Liverpool of his productions were re-but was unknown in London at the time of his appointment, by a company with a nominal capital of £30,000, as director liquidation, and Macdermott himself, corrying on until 1926 made a loss on all but three of the 78 plays he then presented. power house of a new movement in the theatre was not fulfilled, though Eugene O'Neill was introduced to London audiences and a few of the Everyman Macdermont of the Everyman Macdermon English plays of quality such was appointed Controller for as Outward Bound and The Scotland for ENSA in the Vortex were first produced Second World War and general there. As it happened, Macdermott did his best service at the Exhibition for the Festival of

and of Miss Horniman at the man Theatre entitled Every-the Gaiety, Manchester, and so monia. helping to bridge the gap in He was three times married.

## MR CHARLES CUDWORTH

classical repertory was acquired on his free Thursday afternoons in his early job as a Cambridge bookshop assistant, when he would copy and study little known symphonies in Cambridge libraries and the British Museum.

He worked as an assistant in a specific department of the control of t

various university departments and libraries in the 1930s, when he was much encouraged by Edward J. Dent. and in 1946 he took charge of the Pendlebury Library. He became the undisputed authority on English eighteenth and century music, drawing it to helpnotice after long neglect by aside means of numerous articles, of ideal which those on the keyboard tions concerto and the symphony were especially influential. He was also deeply versed in a widow.

#### CARMICHAEL, VC Mr John Carmichael, VC.

started to burn. He imme he was legal adviser to the diately rushed to the spot, Government of Northern Ireshouted to his men to get land and from 1940 to 1944 clear, placed his steel helmet chairman of the Price Regulaover the grenade and stood un

could have thrown the grenade out of the trench but realized that by doing so he would en-danger the lives of the men

stated the citation for his award. "Sergeant Carmichael saved many men from injury

Mr Charles Cudworth, form- the music of Purcell, Handel Mr Charles Cudworth, formerly Curator of the Pendlebary Library at the University Music School, Cambridge, died on December 26 at the age of 69. He was largely self-taught in music; most of his encyclopedic knowledge of the preclassical repertory was acquired on his free Thursday in his characteristically enti-

tled articles "Ye Olde Spuriosity Shoppe"). Beyond music, though never very far from it, he had other interests, including Gains-borough, Rousman, and the history and architecture of East Anglia and Holland, He lectured and breadcast are lest Angina and nonanca. ne lectured and broadcast on many such topics as well as strictly musical mes, and he wrote several librettes, principally for Patrick Hadley.
With his prodigious memory and his unfailing readiness to helo-even if it meant setting aside his own work-he was an

ideal librarian to many generations of Cambridge students. by whom he will be remented bered with affection. He leave. JUDGE BERLARD

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## MR JOHN Judge Bernard Fox; CEE.

died on December 26. He won died on December 26. He won his medal while serving in Belgium in 1917 as a sergeant in the North Staffordshire Regiment. When excavating a trench he saw that a grenade thad been uncarthed and had started to burn. He immediate the service of the se

it. The grenade exploded and CRE in 196. Queen's University, Belfast, made him an hour working on the top.
"By his splendid act of resource and self-sacrifice",

the city. Ada Lady Gwynne-Evans, widow of Sir Evan Gwynne-

orary LLD. He married in 1908 Ein-abeth Myers. They had 1900 sons, one of whom Mr jatk Fox, is a resident magistrate in

tion Commutee. He was made

but ne was seriously injured thinself." After the war, he successfully built up a public transport service, after starting with only two vehicles.

Evans, second baronet, deed on Christmas Eve at the age of 93. She was Ada, daughter of W. S. Andrews, of New York, and she was married in 1908. Her husband died in 1959. Evans, second baronet, died on Christmas Eve at the age of 93.

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**BUSINESS NEWS** 

Uncertainty over new Federal Reserve Board chairman increases money market pressure



# **Brussels fixes** minimum import erices on 140 **Heel products**

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himimum prices for some 140 sel imports into the EEC have en fixed by the European Commission and were today forwarded to member states for enforcement from January 1,

Commission announced new guideline prices for 10 types of steel product which EEC steelmakers will be asked to observe on the Community's internal market.

Exact minimum import prices, whose imposition for three months was agreed earlier this month by ministers of foreign affairs and trade, will be announced officially tomorrow. But, according to informed sources in Brussels, they will on average be about 7 per cent below the EEC's internal guide-

line prices. Community steel companies will be prohibited from aligning their prices on these cheaper imports. Foreign suppliers will thus continue to enjoy a competitive edge.

During the period the mini-mum, or "basic", import prices are in force, the Commission will seek "oluntary" restraint agreements, covering price and quantity, with the main sup-pliers: Japan, Brazil, Korea, Spain, Finland, the European Trade Association and East European countries.

Speaking to the consultative committee of the European Coal and Steel Community in Luxem-bourg vesterday. Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Commissioner for Industrial Policy, said the Commission would be "keeping a very close watch" on the national aid granted to the steel industry.

non said, the Commission would be announcing output and capa-city targets for 1985, and it would need to be satisfied that national subsidies were in line with these objectives. Member states would be making "the gravest error" if they imagined that minimum import prices and

ures are designed to shore up the sagging steel market pending more far-reaching structural

at no more than 60 per cent.
Output this year is estimated at about 126 million tonnes, compared with 134.2 million tonnes last year. On present trends, it would decline still further to some 120 million tonnes in 1978.

timing being dependent on market developments. New prices (per tonne) are as follows: cold-rolled sheet, £201.50; sheet other than strip, £156; quarto sheet, £151.50; thin plate, £156. wire rod, £165; ordinary mild steel contrate a representation have (reshercrete reinforcing bars (rebars), £135; high yield rebars, £140;

In addition, compulsory mini-mum prices have been fixed for the following: rebars (ordinary mild steel), £130; rebars (high

# Two BSC lines dearer

By Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent

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New prices for two major product lines were announced by the British Steel Corporation last night. The increases are in line with new minimum prices agreed by the EEC and approved by the Council of Ministers. They affect hos rolled coil and cold reduced coil.

In addition, the state steel undertaking, which in the cur-rent financial year is expected to record a deficit of at least 10 record a denct of at least 5500m, announced that it was to 1500m, announced that it was to July.

BSC said the price of hot Commis

rolled coil prices was of 10 per cent, in October, 1976. Subsequently, against the background of a continued deterioration in the steel mar-ket, the corporation introduced a temporary £10 a tonne rebate in February this year so that the latest increase leaves the

other measures were a substi-tute for a fundamental rational-ization of the EEC's steel in-

rolled coil will be increased by f7 a tonne, a 5 per cent in-crease. The last rise in hot

price below that set in October, 1976.

Cold reduced coil is also being increased in price from

derstood to have been going on for some time to modernize and renovate plant. Renovation is a

particular problem in soda ash production because it involves brine processing, the ash or sodium carbonate being a mix-

ture of limestone and salt.
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Dollar premium: 84.25 per cent.

sterling closed at \$1.9100. The
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How the markets moved

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The Commission's latest meas-

Capacity utilization is running

The new guideline prices for the internal market are about 5 per cent higher than existing prices. There will be another 5 per cent rise on April 1, fol-lowed by a third 5 per cent in-crease later in the year, the

merchant bars, £160; and horrolled coils, £156. rould be "keeping a very close vield). £134.50; merchant bars, ratch" on the national aid £155.50; and hot-rolled coils, ranted to the steel industry.

Next April, Viscount Davig- prices existed only for rebars.

of the Benking Committee of the House of Representatives, said Mr Miller "sounds great". His record on making jobs is excellent and Pd like to see our monetary policy focus not just on a stable dollar but on stable

As the dollar has dropped this year one factor cited by dealers for its weakness has been the uncertainty over the future of Dr Burns. He has been a firm advocate of a strong dollar as well as being opposed to too much expansion in America.

Dollar slips further against all currencies

By Caroline Atkinson His position as chairman was felt to and the strength of the pound will, ven and managed to h money supply would be kept under con-trol, and that policies which would weaken the dollar would be avoided as much as possible.

Sterling climbed further, partly on

the back of the dollar's weakness, and touched \$1.9275 at one point. It closed the day at \$1.91, 1.5 cents up on the day. It was also firmer against other currencies and the effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies, rose to 65.4 in the merning. This is the highest ir has reached since the recovery in sterling's fortunes began last azzuma. It came down a little to finish at 65.2.

The marker was still thin and too much should nor be read into the rate movements. However most dealers

buying back of dollars as some dealers felt that it had been oversold. Never-theless it closed the day at a new low against the Deutsche mark of DM2.09 and against the Swiss franc of: SwF2.01.

Its effective rate depreciation widened still further to -5.02, compared with -4.58 yesterday.

In recent weeks the Canadian dollar has held its ground against the United States dollar whereas earlier in the year it fell even further than the American currency. The effective rate of the American dollar has thus fallen much

more sharply in the last weeks.
The weakness began in Tokyo yester-day morning. The Bank of Japan intervened very heavily to hold down the

and the strength of the pound will, yen and, managed to bring it back continue.

In the afternoon there was a little Japan's currency has not been at the forefront of the currency turmoil in the last month, but many people now expect it to strengthen again in dollar terms. The Japanese Government may find it impossible to hold the 240 level

It seems almost certain that when the markets get into full swing next week there will be further pressure on the dollar. The European central banks were not intervening in an obvious way

Figures published yesterday showed that there was a very sharp rise in the German official reserves in the first three weeks in December as a result of the intervention then. This could

# Warning on property and land price explosion By John Huxley

A warning that land and house prices could explode if planners overreact to the inner city fashion" and refuse to zone new land for building round the cities was given vesterday.

Mr Andrew Tait, director general of the National House-Building Council, said that there had been signs recently that land prices were rising dangerously high in some areas. Although the NHBC, which is the official consumer watchdog over private housing, wished to see greater cooperation between local authorities and the private sector in inner-city participation schemes, it also recognized the need for more land to be zoned for housing outside urban areas.

"We cannot realistically build in the inner cities more than a small proportion of the 170,000 private houses which the Government Green Paper on housing postulated the private sector might build.

"There is a great need for politicians, local authorities and planners to have more regard for the 'absent consumer'—the person who wants to buy a house in an area where he does not already live. No one repre-sents him at planning in-quiries", Mr Tait said.

"The result has been that we have never, since the war, zoned land sufficiently far ahead of demand. Had the market been flooded with land then land prices would have been lower, consumers would have had better homes at less cost. speculators would have had their fingers burned."

In comments on the Green Paper submitted vesterday to the Secretary of State for the Environment, the NHBC says land is the key issue, and that there is evidence to show that the consumer is being penalized because builders are buying

scarce land at inflated prices. It suggests that local authorities in the south-east of England for instance, do not fully understand the difference between, on the one hand, plots which have only planning permission, and, on the other, plots with planning permission, plus some prospect of infrastructure in

places where people want to A factor holding up development, the NHBC says, is "the mutual suspicion between plan ners and builders, and the un-

willingness of some planning authorities to behave in a businesslike way, delegating matters of detail to their officers." The NHBC's comments also contain a proposal that those buying newly-built houses should pay reduced local auth-ority rates for the first five

years after occupation. The cost, it suggests, could be met by revenue from development land tax. Because almost all new rented housing is exempt from the tax, the NHBC suggests it is

only right that those who buy a new house—those who ultimately pay the tax—should have partial exemption. "Otherwise, there might be thought to be discrimination against buyers most of them young people on-modest incomes." The NHBC suggests that the reduction of rates through dereduction of land tax credits could be helpful in attracting people back to private housing in the inner cities.

"It is not yet easy to attract buyers to formerly run-down areas where there may be a

fear of vandals or worse. But it has been shown in the United States that owner-occupiers will defend their property. "Once a few successful ex-

periments are carried out, the idea of more balanced develop-ment in inner cities might take

# Widespread welcome for the new Fed chief

From David Cross

Washington, Dec 29 In spite of some disappointment that President Carter has seen fit to replace Dr Burns, the business community in particular has generally welcomed the choice of Mr Miller.

The dollar lost ground against all

major currencies on the foreign

exchanges yesterday in the wake of

President Carter's decision not to

reappoint Dr Arthur Burns as the chairman of the Pederal Reserve Board when his term expires at the end of January.

Mr William Miller, who will be the new chairman, is virtually unknown and

the markets fear he may not exert

such a strong conservative influence on policy as Dr Burns.

The Washington establish-The Washington establishment, too, is happy about his appointment. Although Mr Miller is largely an unknown quantity in the American capital, he has a reputation as a pragmatic and highly competent havings leader. tent business leader.

Even the trade unions, who made no secret of their dislike for Dr Burns' right money policy, have been quick to endorse the nomination.

The business community is particularly delighted that President Carter has chosen one of their own to head an organi-zation which has an important independent role in the running of the country's economy. Many people regard the chairman of the Fed as the

second most influential American leader after the President. Typical of the reactions from business, and financial quarters was the enthusiastic endorsement by Mr A. W. Clausen, chairman of the Bank of America. Mr Miller was one of America's "truly competent business executives", he said and his selection came as "wel-

come news to the business community. Echoing this view, Mr Henry Reuss, the Democratic chairman of the Benking Committee of

Mr George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, said Mr Miller was "capable and well-quali-

fied.
"In replacing Dr Burns as chairman, the President is chairman, the President is clearly moving away from dis-credited policies that created

the last recession and prevented a speedy recovery", Mr Meany maintained.

maintained.

Predictably, Republican members of Congress have been less enthusiastic about Dr Burns's impending removal from office. Senatur Jacob Javits of New York, said he regretted that the President had missed an opportunity to make "a major positive contribution to sustaining and improving business recovery" by failing to reappoint Dr Burns. He hoped that Mr Miller would bring to the chairmanship of the Fed "the necessary qualities and policies".

Exactly what economic line Mr Miller will take when he assumes office at the end of next month after approval by the Senate remains to be seen. But most commentators here expect him to devote more attention to job creation than his predecessor.

The main criticism of the

sary qualities and policies

staunchly conservative Dr Burns by the White House and other "liberals" was that he concentrated too much on the need to fight inflation and to prop-ping up the dollar rather than stimulating employment. Mr Miller tends to suggest be

will be more liberal. In a speech in Pittsburg last January he said he supported a broad new economic stantilus pro-gramme to create more Jobs, asserting that this need not hamper the continuing fight

He also suggested the government should consider prepar-ing "selective" government ing "selective" government controls on the economy as "acceptable medicine" when ne "when inflation " " mushrooms shrooms of inflation." ed up; And he supported new tax cuts for industry. Mr Carter told reporters he hoped Dr Burns would agree to stay on the board of the Fed

as a governor as he had earlier as a governor as he had earner indicated he might.
But if he chose to leave, there would be other openings for him in the government in the economic, foreign affairs or human rights sectors, Mr Carter provised.



Mr Miller speaks to journalists after his appointment as chairman of Fed. With him is Dr

# How Mr Miller proved himself in America's tough business world

By Our Economics Staff Mr William Miller, the new chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, built his career during the past 20 years in one of the most successful and financially sound of the American coordinariates.

can conglomerates.

Now aged 52, he joined the
Textron group in 1956 after
working for some years in the
law firm of Cravath, Swaine and

Moore.

When he joined Textron he was given a year to prove himself worth promoting to Vice-President or to be fired. Four

years later, he was company Tresident.

The Textron group, which had sales last year of \$2,600m (about £1,368m) and employs 65,000 people, has interests ranging from helicopters and aerospace to consumer products.

It grew rapidly throughout the 1960s by acquisition, but never ran into the liquidity problems which were the downfall of other conglomerate com-panies, many of which were modelled on the Textron for-

such as zippers.

The group has had a less readily definable image than

The Cod gas and condensate field in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea is now on stream. About 9,000 barrels of oil and

90 million ou ft a day of gas is now flowing into the Ekofisk

production complex about 50 miles to the south-east.

ator, said the Delta platform on the west Ekofisk field was back

in production following modifi-

In brief

cations to the risers and flow-line and was contributing 80,000

barrels of oil and 380 million cu ft a day of gas to output. Oil from the area is now around 400,000 barrels a day

while gas production has risen to 930 million cu ft a day.

Oil production is expected to tart shortly from the Thistle

basin, operated by the British National Oil Corporation, and

will build up to a maximum of about 200,000 barrels a day.

Hongkong and Australia, via Taiwan and the Philippines was

lengthen two existing ships on

the service both of them believed building is Japan

UK-Japan-steel venture

Nippon Kokan, a Japanese steel company, is to use British

a continuous casting machine

at its Fukuyama works.

Container expansion. Expansion of container services in the Far East between

**Cod** gas field starts

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many other conglomerates, but came into prominence in 1975 when it was involved in a plan

to take over and rescue the Lockheed corporation; then in severe figancial difficulties. The plan fell through partly

because of worries about allegations of fraud by Lockheed
in connexion with a shipbuilding contract with the
United States government.
Mr Miller has been Chairman of the Textron group since 1974, and is a director of a

number of other corporations. He has been a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for the past six Pluck, determination and

decisiveness are his strong points, some colleagues said. "He's very tough, very decisive. He cannot be pushed around. They will find him as intransigent as Armur Burns if he feels he's right", a close

friend said. He recalled that Mr Miller allowed subordinates honest mistakes but became "very imparient with incompetence"...
He also had a good memory, and was able to store the details of wide-ranging company activities in his head and to recall for his executives facts

they might have mentioned in a conversation months ago. Although committed to the success of his business and known for his long hours of work, he has also been active in other fields.

He has served as head of a notional businessmen's associ-ation for providing jobs for the underprivileged and was also the first Chairman of the Industry Advisory Committee on equal employment oppor-tunity set up by President

Mr Miller bas also been in the van of businessmen seeking closer ties with Eastern European countries and the Soviet

Council and of the United States-USSR Trade Council. In recent speeches he has indicated his support for a broad fiscal stimulus to the American economy, and his American economy, and his generally easy-going manner may make it easier for him to stay on good terms with Congress and the Administration

## than Dr Burns found it. Laid up tankers may store oil

Plans by Japan to use up to 25 laid-up oil tankers as storage units could lead to a substantial improvement in the tanker

market.

According to a spokesman for the Oslo-based International Association of Independent Tanker. Owners Japan intends to use the tankers, each of 250,000 tons deadweight, to store crude oil. The ships may be taken out of lay-up next May, There are now about 65 ves-sels of this size in lay-up In its end-year review the organization said that last month the world tanker fleet amounted to 329.2 million tons with an order book of 20.8 milwith an order book of 20.0 line lion tons. Of the present tanker tonnage on order about 75 per cent is scheduled to be delivered before the end of The organization also noted

that tankers were being scrapped at a faster rate than

# they were being built.

#### Details of textile import curbs next week Details of new textile import

the Department of Trade's journal, Trade and Industry on January 6. Existing surveillance licences for goods being restric-ted for the first time will be revoked from this Saturday and importers of these goods will be required to apply for new

supply countries will be opera-ted de facto from January 1. Restrictions will also be imposed on Taiwan, although details of quota coverage and levels are not yet available.

## Opencast inquity

Under the terms of an agreement signed with the A public inquiry is to be held on January 31 into an applica-Davy-Loewy research: and development centre in Bedford, the Japanese will manufacture most of the machinery, but cerputer control system, will be 18 supplied by Davy-Loewy from the United Kingdom.

The Italian Cabinet yesterday approved an emergency allocation of 400,000m lire (about £242m) to enable hard-pressed companies to pay December wages and bonuses and to meet urgent commitments to sup-pliers. Signor Carlo Donat Cattin, Minister of Industry, above, said a quarter of the allocation would go to the pub-lic sector of industry and the rest to the private sector.

restrictions will be published in

After the meeting of the Council of Ministers in Brussels last week, agreements negotia-ted between the EEC and

tion for opencast coalmining at Togston, Castle Morpeth, North-umberland, by the National Coal Board. There have been 12 objections to the plans from local councils and individuals.

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# tool deal for new Mini Leyland Cars yesterday

announced the biggest machine tool order vet placed for the controversial new Mini project (ADO 88)—a 52m line of body panel presses to be installed at its Swindon plant. The announcement will be seen in some quarters as pre-

empting the decision of the executive panel now reviewing the future of the £250m project. But the 800-ton Wilkins and Mitchell presses would be equally at home producing s for LC 10, the new in saloon originally

lome influential Leyland exe-

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launched in late 1979, ahead of

ADO 88. Presses of this type

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can be switched from one car to enother simply by changing their tooling. More than half the 5400m more than half the £400m investment already committed on ADO 88 is to provide two ew body and final assembly addings at Longbridge. A orther £13m is being spent on ighly automated body welding

esterday's announcement to revealed that the new sesses will be linked by labour ing automated transfer upment. Contracts for this

ve still to be placed. The 12m order means that Wilkins and Mitchell, the Darson, Staffordshire, heavy manufacturers. eceived orders totalling £10m in a little over a month. They include a £2.25m order from Vauxivall Motors. A

Minins and Minchell spokesman said this gave the company one of its healthiest order books for a jong time. But other machine tool companies are far from happy with continuing delays in Leyland

Last year Leyland Cars forecast that they would spend an average of £45m a year for the next 10 years on United Kingdom machine tools. But it is now clear ther in 1977 it fell short of this forecast by some \$15an.

# £2m machine Commission allows 3pc soda ash rise and opens ICI investigation to ask ICI to specify how far Continent," the spokesman Not all investment costs were necessarily being fed through

Commercial Editor it has been passing investment costs straight through to cus-Only part of a proposed price increase for soda ash—a major constituent in glassmaking—was allowed yesterday by the Price Commission to Imperial Chemi-Last night the company confirmed that the latest phase of soda ash investment, to which it was committed last year, amounted to £17m. Of this not cal Industries. The company had wanted a 5.6 per cent rise, the third increase this year in the commodity of which ICI hold a total

production monopoly in Britain. In the event the increase will be earlier spending amounted to considerably more than this only about 3 per cent.
The Commission will now An ICI spokesman pointed open out its three-month investi-gation of this part of ICPs activities and there is expected out that just over £11m of the investment is devoted to raising production capacity at Winning-ton, part of the mid-Cheshire complex for producing soda ash. By mid-1979 an additional 80,000 tonnes a year will be proto be particularly close scrutiny of how far the company is operating diciently while in a monopoly position.
ICI will inevitably face close questioning on the phasing of major investment which is un-

duced, adding to the present annual capacity of 19 million "Some 20 per cent of our soda ash production now goes for export and the aim is to increase sales abroad. To do that we need the most modern plant as well as capacity, although at the moment our prices are below those on the

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to customers in price rises, the company claims. There has been an overall rise in costs. The Commission, which is obliged to allow interim price increases under profit safequite £6m was going on modernization and renovation work. It is understood that

tion, said last night that ICI would be allowed to raise the price of soda ash by £2 a tonne, representing about 3 per cent ICI had sought an ex-works price rise of £3.50 a Earlier this year ICI raised soda ash prices—in June by nearly 5.5 per cent, and in March by 6.9 per cent. Glass nanufacturers are by far the largest users of soda ash, taking up around 60 per cent of ICI's production. It is also used in making detergents. In

usea in making detergents, in certain chemical processes and in metal finishes.

Because there is a world shortage of soda ash users say that in Britain ICI is the only practicable source of supply.

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\$1.5 an ounce SDR-5 was 1.21554 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0:63596 Commodities: Renter's index was at 1417.4 (previous 1417.7). Reports, pages 17, 18 and 19

Taiwan and the Philippines was announced yesterday by partners in the Asia Australian Express service. Both AAE and the Hongkong based Orient Oversees Container Line have each contracted for two new cellular container vessels designed for the trade, due for delivery between next August and November.

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# Wall Street and the dollar

It has been a miserable year on Wall Street. Volume in the market may have been close to record levels, but since much of it generated by institutions profits were at best moderately good for brokers. Prospects of a radical reshaping of the securities business have undoubtedly contributed to the dismal performance of Wall Street.

Moreover, such thoughts are bound to gain ground in coming months as the Securities and Exchange Commission takes key decisions on the future shape of a national market system.

Most agree that real gross national product growth in the coming year will be in excess of 4 per cent, with inflation rising only slightly to perhaps 6.5 per cent and with unemployment falling moderately to about 6.4 per cent by the end of 1978. for such trends have been enhanced by President Carter's decision to cut taxes by \$25,000m next year and by Opec's decision to hold the line on oil prices. So, there are grounds for some optimism on Wall Street. The President seems aware

that much of the prevailing nervousness is of his own making and by the end of January he hopes to have issued public statements that will demonstrate his conservative fiscal policies and that he is sensitive to the declines in business profits, concerned about inflation and determined to balance the Federal budget

On the monetary front there is some encouragement to be taken from recent money stock figures. They suggest that the Federal Reserve Board has finally got the money supply growth under control and that, as a result, a period of interest rate stability lies ahead.

Of course there is concern about the changes at the FED now that Mr William Miller is to replace Dr Burns as chairman. A new FED chief will unsettle market nerves initially but is unlikely to alter the FED's course much and when this becomes apparent, so the market's participants will turn their attention to other matters.

In the market itself there is every reason to believe that bargain hunting will continue, with tender offers continuing to become more common and with investors finally realizing how cheap so many solid corporations are. This realization itself should help strengthen prices. In the bond market prospects look good, although demand for funds from private and public sectors is likely to be well over \$310,000m and a few companies will be squeezed-out, with greater differentials likely to emerge between the prices of good and less good

municipal and corporate borrowers. Nevertheless, foreign investors on Wall Street remain cautious. The dollar is weak and with a major energy battle ahead in the Congress, which is unlikely to produce the sort of policy that will sharply cut United States oil imports and with possibly a record trade deficit in prospect once again, a firm revival in the currency will be hard to

Europe/Far East

# Realism and high expectations

Against a background of stagnating industrial production in OECD countries, only the German Commerzbank Index among tue main continental bourse recorded a year-on-year rise during 1977.

With forecasts of world trade growth still being downgraded investors in Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Paris and Milan are not predicting any significant upturn in share values until well into the second half of 1978.

German shareholders' fortunes still rest largely on the prospect of a significant recovery in the dollar leading through to improved export competitiveness. Meanwhile, dividends, particularly from the steel and chemical majors, are declining sharply.

Amsterdam share prices have followed the German index down in recent weeks but worsening unemployment and a deteriorating balance of payments position in Holland now that gas revenues have peaked may accelerate the decline. Paris, which now holds the dubious distinction of being the cheapest international market on fundamentals, faces a nervous run-up to the spring elections, while in Italy, the Christian Democrats' efforts to revive an almost moribund Milan bourse have yet to have any effect on declining share values. Events in Japan are the key to what

happened throughout the Far East region, although domestic factors in individual countries were obviously important as well As domestic demand in Japan slumped, and growth became more and more dependent on exports, the markets responded to worries about demand for raw materials, the

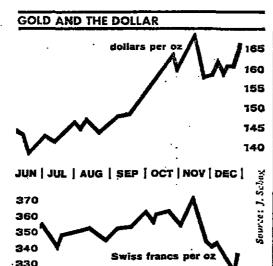
appreciation of the yen, and the impact on their own industries of imports from Japan. These developments manifested themselves spasmodically in the Tokyo market. Trading volume was thin until the last quarter, when it was stimulated by government reflation plans. Public sector related stocks benefitted particularly. The recovery might have been more marked, had trade and currency discussions with the United States been more fruitful.

Falling interest rates and a marginal depreciation of the Yen, boosting exports, could put some heart back into the market. But few brokers expect little excitement.

Sluggish performance in Hongkong, the second biggest market in the region, was caused chiefly by two factors: a bearish attitude by British investors, and lower than export orders from the main markets of North America and Europe, accompanied by fears of import controls.

The Government's first exercise in counter-cyclical intervention, in the form of a massive public works programme, stimulated a property boom and generated considerable interest in property and related shares. But traditional leaders such as Jardine, Matheson and Hongkong and Shanghai Bank lagged far behind the market. The abolition of the premium dollar surrender rule could cause a switch by United Kingdom investors out of these

Small advances in Singapore and Sydney indices mainly derived from the underlying strength of the two economies. Singapore has established itself as a leading member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and has relaxed its somewhat hostile stance towards Malaysia and Indonesia, the major trading partners. Significant growth is anticipated in 1978, especially in standard stocks like Sime



Gold has moved up smartly since just before Christmas reflecting the weakness of the dollar, and now uncertainty over future United States fiscal policies following news that Mr William Miller is to succeed Dr Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve

Mr Miller will be taking office at almost the same time as two other potentially important events for the gold price occur. The Group of Ten accord on the official gold price ends in February while the IMF articles should be ratified around then. The increased freedom of central banks to buy and sell could help gold unless there is a resumption of United States Treasury sales.

Over the last 12 months, gold has risen by about 24 per cent in dollar terms, but this has largely reflected the depreciation of the dollar. In Swiss franc terms, gold last week nearly touched its low for the year seen back in January, after falling sharply over the last six weeks. Profit taking is one factor, but also more gold than anticipated has come on to the market during the year. Portugal, for example, is believed to have sold some 80 tons and the Russians emerged more strongly as sellers in the second part of the year. Provisional estimates are that about 1,500 tons of gold have come on to the market during the course of the year.

Europe: the end of transition

# Financial systems: a tortuous road towards harmonization

As one of the leading advocates of British membership of the European Economic Community, the City's high hopes at the time of entry five years ago have so far not been realized in any significant expansion of its activity in Europe. Europe.

Measured, for example, by the level of Britain's invisible exports, the EEC still accounts for only a fifth, much the same proportion as at the beginning of the decade.

Steps to harmonize financial systems and the services sectors

Steps to harmonize financial systems and the services sectors generally have been characterized by continued bickerings among the Nine. Too often national self-interest has appeared to be the guiding light rather than the "Common Market" ideals enshrined in the Treaty of Rome in the Treaty of Rome. It is, for example, no easier or accountants, lawyers and

the other professions to set up shop in Europe. Fairly ambitious schemes to harmonize banking and insurance systems within the Community have been abandoned for much more watered-down directives. Lack of progress, it is true, on the more general economic and monetary union fronts has and monetary union fronts has taken some of the pressure off harmonization elsewhere. Latterly there have been some more promising signs that the more rigid systems operating elsewhere in the EEC which the Circulated harmonic ha City had been hoping to see ease, to enable it to compete on equal terms, are slowly beginning to open up.

But the overriding impression that harmonization of financial systems has been a long and tortuous road and that it will be some years before ful compatibility of systems within reached. the Community is

The insurance industry has more reason than most for feeling disappointed with progress towards a full common market in insurance. For an industry premium income outside this country, and is rather less constricted by regulations than in any other country in the Nine, insurance leaders, like the

British Insurance Association, have been vocal in condemning the absence of any progress despite initiatives taken by the United Kingdom Government to speed up negoriations.

Thus the 1973 establishment directive for non-life companies had much of the wind taken out of its sails by the requirement of individual members that insurance companies set-ting up elsewhere in the Com-munity should adhere to the same regulations and solvency standards as applied to national

Admittedly there is nothing legally wrong in this interpreta-tion of the freedom of services ruling of the European Court of Justice which said that this should only apply when these services were not conditional on special national laws.

on special national laws.

But certainly in this country insurers have viewed the decision as being against the spirit of the EEC, which they have always regarded as being there to provide them with more access to the European insurance market.

Added to some signs that Added to some signs that

other European countries have moved further towards protec-tion—during troubles in the marine insurance market a couple of years ago France and Germany put obstacles in the way of placing marine business—it is hardly surprising that the British insurance industry has become distillusioned with developments

Members of Lloyd's in par-ticular have been worried that the establishment directive would in the end lead to an even more restrictive environ-ment since without a branch network it does not in theory have the freedom to set up in other EEC countries.

A further important step towards harmonization, how-ever, was taken a few months ago when the Department of Trade published regulations governing classification of risks and solvency margins for nonlife companies, thereby bring-ing United Kingdom companies into line with the EEC direc-

Ronald Pullen and (below) David Blake conclude our

examination of aspects of Britain's relations with the EEC at the end of the transitional period of membership

tive. So things are moving, albeit slowly.

The next stumbling block is to extend the regulations to the life sector where the Europeans are keen for their existing strict controls to continue, in particular over solvency ratios. The other area of debate, which could have important ramifications for the composites, is over the question of "special-

Most European countries want to maintain the demarcation between life and non-life companies and in Germany, for example, the idea of a com-posite insurance group is not recognized at all.

The Treaty of Rome gave particular prominence to the coordination of policy in the banking sector but again there have been few signs of any real harmonization of banking

After years of wrangling the commission finally published a banking directive in 1973 which provided freedom of establishment and services in other EEC countries not just for banks but a variety of other financial institutions as well.

Because the United Kingdom system already operated one of the most liberal environments in the developed world, banks in this country were expected to benefit from

ments) elsewhere in Europe.

Again, however, the out-turn has been rather less than the intention with precious little two-way flow between EEC countries. It is clear that the abandonment of monetary union, which would have meant the focusing of European attention on monetary policy and the creation of a single authority to look after the entire financial sector, has played a big part in delaying bank harmonization.

Indeed, the entry of Britain (and Ireland for that matter) to the EEC has resulted in an to the EEC has resulted in an important change of emphasis in the commission's approach to harmonization. More stress

has been laid on inter-country cooperation rather than trying to superimpose a new structure of detailed requirements on reserve assets and the like that characterized the banking struc-tures of the original six member The influence of the United Kingdom and in particular the British Bankers' Association led

by Lord O'Brien, an ex-Gover-nor of the Bank of England, appears strong in the Commu-nity's banking philosophy which aims to leave the main responsibility for controlling the liquidity and solvency of banks to individual members rather than laying down hard and fast rules that may not be applicable to several different states. The first substantive move— in EEC terms at least—towards a common market in banking came last month with the adoption of a directive for banking activities in the EEC which has much more limited aim elimi-nating the most obstructive barriers between the laws of member states in the banking

While the directive appears to have plenty of teeth—licens-ing of credit institutions will be mandatory and will only be granted if certain liquidity and solvency ratios are adhered to -it is in practice a fairly tame document and much work still has to be done before banking structures in the EEC are truly

(such as nationality require- work has been adopted which ments) elsewhere in Europe. can be refined in time.

Company law is one area where harmonization is about to have a profound effect on United Kingdom practice, although the first directive in force on accession has made force on accession has made little impact on business life. Legislation is already intended to comply with the second directive which requires the title tive which requires the tithe of companies to differentiate clearly as to whether they are private or publicly owned, be more sweeping changes aeflowing from the proposen fourth directive, which is likeuto be adopted in the first has, of 1978.

This lays down minimum disclosure and audit requirements.

closure and audit requirements. The Department of Trade has already said it is considering dividing companies into three categories for disclosure and there is a fierce debate going on between official and account-ancy circles as to whether smaller companies should be exlaw requirement of a full-scale

It is still not finally clear whether the directive, which will alter considerably the lay-out of United Kingdom company accounts, will permit the use of inflation-adjusted figures. The Germans have been adam-antly opposed to such permission but an acceptable compromise is expected to be reached. Other proposed directives could bring requirements to allow workers to be consulted on take-overs and even to

solidated accounts. Perhaps more than in any other area, the United Kingdom has lost its sovereignty over the making of company law and is faced with fitting a system based (loosely) on Roman law but relying on case law and precedent with the prescriptive European law which has evolved through the Napoleonic

It is, however, an area in which progress is being made bution to easing the transition

# Little progress on exchange controls

their climax in 1972, the super-criterion rules (which original six member states were will be eased this weekend) drawing up their own agree-investment abroad has to pay for drawing up their own agree-ment on what was meant to be the next great step forward for

This was the building of an economic and monetary union in Europe, with free movement of capital, a common currency or capital, a common currency and (implicitly) the joint formulation of fiscal and monetary policy. It was to this scheme that the Chancellor of the time, Lord (then Mr)
Barber, committed the United
Kingdom to go "as far and
as fast as anyone else".
The past five years have
shown that to be one of the
least onerous pledges made by least onerous pledges made by any political leader, as successive schemes for monetary union have fallen apart.

Indeed, it is not until Sunday that the United Kingdom will even take its first step as a Community member towards the liberalization of the con-trols on capital movements required as part of the creation of a Community in which capital can move freely.

As on so many other issues, before it became a member, the deal more forthcoming in its attitude towards the EEC than it was after it joined. In the Budget of 1972, before the United Kingdom became a mem-ber of the EEC, the most significant easing in exchange con-trols connected with the Community took place. This was to allow companies to spend £1m a project a year on direct itself investment in the Community. Years. This investment was exemp-ted from the normal rules gov-

As the negotiations for Britain's are generally known as the entry into the EEC neared "super-criterion". Under the itself in balance of payments terms within 18 months. This, coupled with a limit of £250,000 on the amount of money which could be invested using this channel, meant that little invest-ment has taken place using the super-criterion rules. The 1972 relaxation was thus particularly valuable.

It did not, however, last long. By the spring of 1974 the pound was in trouble and a Labour government had been returned to power with a deep suspicion of oversees investment. In his first Budget, Mr Healey ended the £1m exemption for direct investment schemes This left the United King-

dom with only one concession to the easing of capital move-ments, which was that people moving abroad to other EEC countries were allowed to take some money with them to help them start their new life. This concession was introduced at the time of accession to the EEC.

These changes will be joined this weekend by a further series of easings of exchange series or easings or excusange controls, all minor in nature. For direct investment the amount of foreign currency which can be bought under the super-criterion will go up to £500,000 or half the total cost of the project in the case of EEC schemes. In addition, the length of time over which itself will be increased to three

Indirect investment will still have to be financed out of the investment currency pool\*

where the exchange rate is much less favourable to sterling than in the normal markets.

But the 25 per cent surrender rule, under which a
quarter of the foreign currency bought for a project had to be sold back at the official rate of exchange, thus producing a net bonus of £200m a year to the

reserves, is to be abolished

These changes, and a further increase in the amount which emigrants can take abroad, will make little impact on the overall structure of controls, even though there was a firm commitment to remove them all by the end of the transition period. The reason this has not happened is that the European Commission has, in formal terms, given its permission to

Under Article 109 of the Rome Treaty, any state in balance of payments difficulties of a severe kind is allowed to introduce safeguard measures to protect

been alone in using this escape dom continues to run a sub-clause. Both Italy and France have kept strict exchange con-trols in spite of the fact that they have been members of the rules is not likely to be over-

Community ever since its incep-Britain has been able to do the same because it has until this year, been in continuous deficit on its balance of pay-ments and clearly fulfilled all the criteria for continuing to maintain controls on capital ex-

In its talks with the Brussels commission, the British Gov-ernment stressed that much of the apparent strength of the United Kingdom external posi-tion is still fairly fragile. which Much of the money which flowed in to give the United Kingdom \$20,000m could just as easily

if controls were removed. its currency.

That argument is bound to
The United Kingdom has not lose force if the United Kingbeen alone in using this escape dom continues to run a sub-

whelming. main reasons.

First, the actual impact of exchange controls on the volume of foreign investment has been nothing like as great as their more extreme suppor-ters and detractors argue. The years since Britain joined the EEC have seen a very sharp in-crease in British investment in into European property) singularly ill-judged.

Companies wishing to invest abroad can either raise money locally or pay for the invest-ment out of incremitted profits.

The second reason why pres-

# Business Diary: A quiz for the year's end

- 1 Who said: "My basic economic convictions were and are perfectly correct, although—t) my surprise—they are still not much
- 2 A big British company—a household name—celebrated its "centenary" this year. even though it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary only in 1938. Which? 3 The chairman of a British
- public company and one of his directors, a peer, made American legal history this vear. Who and how? 4 Which self-styled "revolu-tionary capitalist" said: "It is very difficult to convince
- 5 Name the company which this year made its fourth rights issue in 10 years.
- 6 Eet you couldn't name the chairman of the Post Office. 7 Or the successor to Sir Ronald McIntosh as the director-general of Neddy. 8 A car manufacturer caused a
- stir in October this year by becoming the biggest im-porter of the month. Any 9 What is a hogg? 10 Who was the French hotelier
- who found there was no room at the inn? 11 Would you say that Air Com-modore the Hon Peter Beck-ford Rutzers Vanneck is the 450th, 550th, 650th or 750th

Lord Mayor of Loudon?

Who called "Time, gentlemen, please!" on Britain's largest

- 12 What is the smallest trade union in Brit:dn ?
- 13 And which union has the most women members? 14 Which country has the big-gest beef "mountain" in the EEC?
- 15 Which EEC country is generally reckoned to have had the highest growth rate in the Community this year? If might surprise you.
- No marks for guessing who said, five days before the pound was allowed to float in October, that we would run into serious problems in
- remaining price competitive overseas if the pound rose.
- 17 Where was the £10,000 suit modelled this year? 18 Who described a pay rise of \$650 a year or more as " an incredible neglect of public duty"?
- 19 The pound rose against the Deutsche mark in the year to Christmas Eve by 0.5 per cent, 6.5 per cent or 10 per ceut. Which, if any?
- 20. Why could there he personal as well as financial reasons behind AIVs de-cision to bid for Madame Tussaud's?

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  10. Jacques Borel, founder of the Borel hotel and restaurant chain. He was obliged to how out of
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  4. Roland "Tiny" Rowland, chief executive of Lourbo.

  5. Consolidated Cold Fields.

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  J. Bas-J de Ferranti, president of the European Economic and Social Committee.

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If the phrase "information explosion" has become a cliche, which it has, it is one ar and which a new interpational industry has been built. The industry is concerned with acquiring, indexing and storing information; and providing users with immediate access to that information at the switching on of a computer terminal and the disting of a telephone.

This industry has developed strongly in the United States in recent years, but only this year

has it made its presence felt in

Britain. Its products in the main are databases, or files of infor-mation, and the tools of its trade ar video terminals, telephone lines and computer In scientific information the scale of the problem was noted recently by Sir Ieuan Maddock, Secretary of the British Associa-

tion for the Advancement of Science. In the "free" world :about 40,000 separate journals on science and technology subjects are published each year, he said, and this number is increasing at about 1.500 a year.
Three and a half million articles are written and published annually and this volume is increasing by about 8 per cent

Nobody can read it all. Nobody can know where and what it all is. what it all is.

Mercifully, the right sort of technology is around to help in coping with the problem, to damp down and control the information explosion. The technology is that of computers, microelectronics, communications—and the all-important software.

Setting the scene at the first international on-line informa-tion meeting in London earlier this month, Martha Williams of the University of Illinois put it this way:

The prospect of a surplus in 1978, continuing at least for some years, has done much to dent that case, though it has not yet destroyed it entirely.

flow out and no one knows how large the capital outflow from the United Kingdom would be

the Community and elsewhere, some of it (as in the venture

sure for easing the exchange

controls has been less than once that the monetary union of which capital liberalization was achievement as ever.

The "snake" of European currencies has ceased to be an EEC phenomenon and has become a Deutsche mark block. with the lira, the French franc and the pound remaining out-

# Coming to terms with the information explosion

the pressing problems of science and society."
For the first time in history, she added, computerized information retrieval is widespread and economically viable—as evidenced by the volume of machine-readable records, data-bases, on-line software packages; vendors of on-line systems, search services and searches. Most of the published scientific and technical literature can be identified by computer

#### Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

searches because the references are in computer-readable form.
Most of the world's abstracting and indexing literature is in computer readable form. There are more than 400 publicly available bibliographic databases containing more than 55 million records.

More than 75 per cent of these computer-readable records are now available via on-line information service companies in the United States, Canada and Europe. These companies' access to the data bases is in turn marketed by large numbers of centres, libraries and brokers.

the University of Illinois put it this way:

We are living in the information age. Information is a vast, dynamic, inexhaustible resource. And there is a crisis, in that the cost of producing and processing publications is growing much more rapidly than are the budgets and buildines of the libraries that house them.

"Today" she said, "it is technically and economically feasibly to couple information research with high technology to help us to privize the world's information resources to soive in the limitation of the commonwealth Agricultural Bureau, information resources to soive in the limitation of the commonwealth Agricultural Bureau, information resources to soive in the limitation of the commonwealth Agricultural Bureau, information resources to soive this way:

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meant to be the precursor remains as obstinately far from

This month, four further United Kingdom additions to Dialog were announced: on geology, paper, textiles and information-handling science Over 100 companies are listed in the membership directory of the Information Industry Asso-ciation of the United States.

A new name in Britain this year is Info-Line, the government-backed information service company whose shareholders are the Department of Industry, the British Library, the Chemical Society, the Institution of Electrical Engineers and Der-went Publications. Info-Line is preparing to launch its initial services next year and plans the link in to the forthcomal Euronet data network acres

Europe The British Library's ow., automated information service ("Blaise") began operation during the year. A network of five centres will permit local-call access over a wide area; and it will be possible for bibliographic searches to be followed through at the terminal by an immediate request for a loan copy or photocopy of documents from the library's

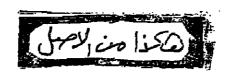
lending division at Boston Spa.
What sort of information is on the end of the on-line links, anyway? References to virtually everything of significance published in virtually every branch of science and tech-nology, plus much more besides. In many cases, an abstract of the content of the publication is given as well as the basic

Among the older established services now available inter-nationally via immediate computer access are Chemical Abstracts; Inspec's abstracts in physics and electrotechnology; and the abstracts of the Com-monwealth Agricultural Bureau. Other subjects covered by

reference.

organizations exhibiting at the recent London meeting include energy, the environment, pollu-tion, oceanics, psychology and social science. Ordinary English is used in

references, by typing in key words on the terminal to indicate the subject of interest. With a day's training and some experience on the terminal a typical search might take 10 minutes and cost between £5



**Business appointments** 

elects a new

Mr G. H. Fairtlough, a director of Shell UK and managing director of Shell. Chemicals, UK, has been made a managing director of Shell UK. Mr W. C. Thomson, chairman of Shell Chemicals UK and a director of Shell International Chemical has become a director of Shell UK. Mr A. Glimmerveen has resigned as a director of Shell UK.

The following have become directors of Willis, Faber & Dumas: Mr B. D. Bond, Mr J. Brenchley, Mr D. F. K. Carolan, Mr H. Dyson-Laurie, Mr G. W. Perkins, Mr R. B. Smith, Mr J. M. P. Taylor, Mr A. R. Towler and Mr R. J. White.

Mr Michael Butler has been made treasurer and deputy direc-tor general, finance department, National Coal Board, from Janu-ary 1. He succeeds Mr Douglas Wright, who is retiring.

Mr D. P. Tandy has become a director of Property Growth Assurance,

Mr Reg Conway has joined the oard of British Relay (Elec-

Mr E. Goodall, Mr J. Kooyman and Mr J. Moss have become members of the Furniture

Mr P. Whitehead has joined the board of Sandhurst Marketing.

Mr Alex Smith has been made thairman and managing director

Mr David Mason is to become managing director of Reliance Hosiery (Halifax). He succeeds

Mr Farauz Peters, who is retiring.

Mr N; Gower has been made a

Mr A. W. Furse is to be a director of Joseph Shakespeare

Mr Harry Hornsby has been made director of the Process Plant Association from January 3.

Mr Peter Duxbury of Walker & Rice, is to be the first chairman of the recently-formed British Fabric Association from April 1.

Mr L. H. G. Livingstone-Lear-

month has been elected to suc-ceed Mr W. T. Dunne as chair-

Mr Geoffrey Moss is the new chairman of Edbro (Scotland) after its acquisition by Edbro (Holdings).

Mr R. C. Huber ras gone on to the board of A. D. Inter-national. Mr H. Bauerofeind is to

Mr John Harper has been con-firmed as assistant managing director, Post Office Telecommuni-cations, from January 1.

Mr R. G. Nightingale, director of property investment of The Property Unit Trusts Group, is to be chief executive from January.

Mr N. Berry succeeds Mr J. D. Ogden as chairman of Futura Holdings on January 1.

Mr Colin Wise, joint-managing

Mr I. Douglas Lowe has been

made an executive member of the board of Bruntons (Musselburgh) with the position of assistant

managing director.

and financial director of and financial director of the United Kingdom operation of Ideal-Standard, is now vice-presi-dent, control and finance, of Ideal-Standard Europe.

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# Improving the standard of home insulation

Sir, It is encouraging to see that the British Government is following the lead given by the United States of America in introducing an energy conservation programme, but in one sector the action proposed is purely remedial and does nothing to correct the coot cause.

We are told that a large proportion of the £321m to be available over the next four years will be spent on improving the insulation of council houses and that it is hoped that this will encourage the private sector to take similar steps. What is needed is a change in the building regulations requiring a much higher student of insulation in new homes. At present this country standard of instantial in new libones. At present this country lags far behind the requirements in many continental and Scandinavian countries in thermal insulation for new hous-

lt can be argued that in a normal year new house building adds less than 2 per cent to the national housing stock but there seems to be little point in continually adding inadequately insulated dwellings to this stock knowing that they this stock knowing that they will have to be improved later, cither at the expense of the government or the private

If stricter regulations are brought out now, then in 20 years' time, when we may be in the midst of a severe energy

crisis, we shall have the advan-tage of having at least one third of our housing stock well insulated.

Yours sincerely, J. G. SUNLEY, Director, Timber Research and Development Association, Stocking Lane, Hughenden Valley,

High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP14 4ND. From the City Architect and Planning Officer, City of Cambridge Sir, The easiest way to con-

serve energy is to increase its price. In order to avoid hard-ship to domestic and essential users we should charge at one rate for a basic personal or process allocation and charge at a much higher rate for any used above the allocation.

The uses which would be penelized would all be unsecretary and wasteful conserpenelized would all be unnecessary and wasteful, conservarion would be promoted and,
in perticular, high density,
high energy consuming, high
cost building would be less
commercially attractive, leading to a lower demand upon

energy consuming public services and transport. An increase in price would guickly achieve savings no other method seems likely to achieve in the next decade. Yours faithfully, J. M. MILNER, The Guildhall, Cambridge CB2 3QJ.

# A remedy inflation

From Mr James Lunt Sir, Mr E. J. Pentecost (December 19) joins issue with Professor D. S. Lees, December 13) over the cause of inflation, but both are right.

Inflation, rising price, is due to wages being too high relative to production. If total takehome pay increases, then come Friday the necessary money will have to be forthcoming some how, and governments and banks are reluctant to foster unemployment by refusing to

The remedy is to bring down take-home pay by increasing tax on earnings, but not on profits, which are already taxed too much, and those are the very people who would by investing more even increase productivity so as to restore the wage/production ratio to where it should

The economy is quite un-stable: left to itself wages will go on up and unemployment too. It is only by conscious, and conscientious, manipulation by government of the profit/ earnings tax differential that stability and prosperity will be, or even can be, achieved. Yours, &c.

JAMES G. LUNT, BSc, FRIC, 10 Arlington Road, Cheshire SK8 1LW.

# Environmental needs and the tunnel

Sir, Before, all the environmental lobby rush to support and Surrey, and it is time we did something constructive to John Whitehouse (December 19) in opposing the construction of a Channel tunnel and its rail links, perhaps they might consider the total effect of it on the counties of Surrey and

The bogey of 180 mph juggernaut trains passing through our villages and towns at three-minute intervals" and the prospect of blocking the way to Paris with our English dead is good emotive stuff. But those who live near Gatwick and Heathrow suffer far more house, than this already and the Chan-Shot nel tunnel would ease the pressure of traffic at airports. The goods that might travel on the

improve the environment. The abandoned Channel tun-

grandiose. It was a scheme to build a car and lorry ferry on tracks, with vast terminals and approach motorways. The 180 mph track for the rail link greatly increased the costs and environmental damage with only a marginal increase in benefit compared to a 125 mph route like that which now runs to Cardiff with little protest from the likes of Mr White-

Shouldn't we re-examine in detail the building of a straight-forward rail link designed primarily to take rail passenger

## Britain's industrial performance

From Mr Graham R. Nudd Sir, As an expatriate engineer the present debate concerning Britain's shameful industrial performance is most interesting. Perhaps, the most surpris-ing thing is nor that the en-gineering "profession" is so dismal, but given the damaging climate including low social standing, extremely low sal-aries and the Government's insistence on backing demonstrated losers, why has it survived at all?

However, I read in The Times (December 16) that all this will soon end. The Governthis will soon end. The Government will solve this problem reward system (in the pay by a new college course. Two checks) to ensure incentive.

After all, England has found bureaucratic solution.

First, how on earth can college teachers, most of whom know nothing at all about industrial enterprise, impart anything relevant to these "bright" students. In Britain, as elsewhere, the mechanics of Cigineering are well known. What Britain lacks is enter-prie, motivation and drive. Scondly, if these courses

trains are at present thundering

plan had grown too

should be successful and a superior engineer is produced, why should we believe he would stay in Britain. If all other professions sell their services to the highest bidder, won't these people understand the same basic economic principles.
In all likelihood this piece of

nonsense will not help. What might be worth trying is ensuring no engineering teacher is appointed without extensive industrial experience, making sustained efforts to recruit experienced engineers at government policy-making level, and establishing a mechanism of in creased salaries to work well in other professions such as medicine, law, banking and the like: it could work in engineer-

ing. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM R. NUDD, 1355 Brinkley Avenue, and goods traffic. Ideally there should be no access for goods traffic or cars to the cross-Channel rail link at any point south of the M25 motorway

Such a tunnel scheme could of delay. It would be of great benefit to the country as whole and could markedly improve the villages and towns of Surrey and Kent by getting some of the traffic out of our streets and from over our heads onto the railways. Yours faithfully, JONATHAN G. M. WOOD.

West Jewsley Cottage, Dunsfold Road, Chiddingfold, Near Godalming, December 20.

#### Transfers exempt from CTT From Mr Martin Davis

Sir, Mr David Marks (December 20) writes of the businessman ·debarred-by capital transfer tax, he would have us believe—from giving away his business; yet were the prospective donor to set up a trust for exclusively charitable purposes, to own and manage the business, were he to survive the gift into trust by a year, the transfer would be fully exempt from tax.

Yes, the CTT legislation traps those who seek to dispose of their power in favour of other private individuals; but it quite properly encourages gifts which can benefit the community. Yours truly MARTIN DAVIS.

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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Bargain hunters buy short gilts and leave most shares alone

Share prices continued to eighth with similar gains on edge ahead but in far less spectovernight levels. tacular fashion than on Tuestovernight most of the leading

With some commentators casting doubts on the OECD forecasts for inflation and the balance of payments and others pointing out the disadvantages to exporters of a strong pound investors decided that renewed caution was the best policy.

The day's business threw up

The day's business threw up a variety of isolated features among the second-line stocks, but the predominantly exportorientated leaders pitch saw little action, a trend which many dealers expect to be extended well into the New Year. By 19 am the FT Index was 23 ahead on limited support Mr A. V. Alexander is to assume full-time executive group management responsibilities as a director of Sedgwick Forbes Holdings and deputy chairman of Sedgwick Forbes UK and its subsidiaries. Mr J. S. Martin, Mr A. M. Platt and Mr R. C. Steven have gone on to the board of Sedgwick Forbes. 2.3 shead on limited support for the new account. But this neglect of the "blue chips" soon took its toll and the index closed just 0.2 up at 490.6 in spite of a half-hearted attempt at a rally in mid-afternoon.

> Up went E. Fogarty (pillows up went E. rogarty (pulows and quilts) 4p to 140p a fort-night ago when it announced a one for-four scrip issue in preference shares with a 10.5 per cent coupon net equal to 15.9 per cent gross. Now the ordinary shares are just 141p. Apart from giving the group trustee status the preference shares should command par easily. If so, shareholders will collect an extra 25p of preference share for every £1 ordinary share they have. After the issue the ordinary dividend will still be 5.5 times covered by profits; and these are grow-

In the gilt-edged market a

strong currency and interest

rate hopes centred most de-

gains stretched up to half a point and the Government Broker activated the short "tap" at 196 15/16 before with-

drawing. He is expected to re-

turn at £97 matching the price

Longer maturities had a com-

paratively subdued time though

they did manage to replace early losses of around one-

mand at the short end.

in the market.

which did not were Glaxo which slipped 7p to 600p and Beecham where the fall was 5p to 635p. More typical were Metal Box, unchanged at 312p, Bowater namoved at 184p and ICI which added just a penny to 251c. In the building sector and combination of speculative de-mand and hopes of an early cut in the mortgage rates brought some good features. House-

Though most of the leading industrial shares held up, two. which did not were Glazo

builders Gough Cooper 3p to 73p, Fairview Estates 3p to 101p, and Barratt Developments 101p, and Barratt Developments
2p to 115p all gained ground.
There was a spectacular gain of
16p to 186p from contractor
J. Jarvis, while speculative demand also had SGB 9p to the
good at 154p, Marchwiel 5p
ahead at 267p and RMC up
6p to 133p.

Over in plentations Assam Frontier continued its volatile existence on takeover hones, this time rising 20p to 390p, while Plantation Holdings gained 51p to 55p on reorganization plans. Comment was good for rises of 10p to 235p for motor dealer Pride & Clarke and of 3p to 78p for Rustenburg. In a gen-

erally dull brewery sector specu-lative demand made a feature of Budtonwood which closed 8p to the good at 146p. While gold shares continued to go ahead, in some cases by as much as 50p, tins collapsed in line with the metal price.

Worst hit were Gopeng,

which slumped 15p to 270p, Kinta Kellas where the fall was 13p to 182p, Geever which dipped 15p to 490p, and South Crofty which ended 5p down at 61p.

Among speculative stocks strong features were to be found in Brent Chemical which gained another 6p to 204p, United Scientific 4p to 290p, De United Scientific 4p to 290p, De Vere Hotels. 3p to 173p on further small buying and Wil-kinson Match which ended at 213p after early strength on hopes of an all-out bid from the Allegheny, Company of the United States!

Oils saw BP a couple of pence firmer at 864p after a brokers circular, Shell 6p lower at 530p after a late dip and Siebens another 10p firmer at 274p on more speculative interest. But dealers take a cautious view of the last named feeling that the share is looking a little over-

share is looking a little over-priced.

News that Tesco had boosted Christmas sales by 60 per cent did little for the share price at 45p just half a point better, while Sainsbury managed to add a couple of points for a close of 200p. Elsewhere in foods Tate & Lyle was a good market at 203p, up 4p, but Associated Biscuits did not benefit from tts United States acquisition, losing 2p to 86p. acquisition, losing 2p to 86p.
Electricals had two good features in Pye, up 3p to 107p, and BICC which ended five points to the good at 117p...
Fading bid hopes left Ropert son Foods 7p lower at 132p while end of account profit taking clipped 2p from Madame

did not move in concert, roth National Westminster at 2509, and Lloyds at 2929 closed 4p up but there was no movement, from Midiand at 390p and Barclays at 340p.

Press comment meant that, the discount houses formed the strongest feature in the finali-cial sectors. This strength was typified by gains of 10n to 4/0n from Union, 5p to 275p from Alexanders, 5p to 525p by Aten, Harvey & Russ and 4p to 250p from Gillett Brothers.

For once the clearing pand

Down at 290p for a comple of weeks Oil Exploration was, suddenly back in favour with a spectacular rise of 14p to 336p. The word is that the much-rumowed talks with an approximately want gray under American oil group ere under i way again though dealers think Government eparavel for any such deal would be hard to win. The group has just sunk, o new well in the Thelma.

In properties Estates Property added 6p to 83p while elso-where H. Brammer closed 12p to the good at 1142. Corringy Pope rese on to 65p. RH? 67 to 65p on comment and Adwert 9p to 262p.

Equity turnover on December 28 was £46.31m (7,446 Largains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Tele-graph, were Shell, Grand Metropolitan, National Westminster, BAT Dfd, Tarmac, Barciavs Bank, Midland Bank and United Dominions Trust.

#### Latest results

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	Philip Harris (I)	4.4(4.3)	0.27(0.33)	4,08(4.9)	1.3(1.3)	25/1	<b>—(3.8)</b>	
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	Massey Ferg	518.3(452.4)	14.2(14.7)	178.2(184.9)	Nil(Nil)		<del>(-)</del> .	
	Midland Educ (I)		0.04(0.01)	—(—) ·	1.5(1.3)	7/2		
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# EIB lends £91m to UK utilities

Six loans totalling £91.2m have been granted to various British public utilities by European Investment Bank, the EEC's long-term finance institu-

tion.
The largest, worth £52.3m, goes to the Electricity Council on a 15-year term at 8.65 per cent. The loan will help meet the construction cost of a power station at Heysham, Lancashire. The EIB has also lent £19.8m to the National Water Council, on the same conditions. The

8.6 per cent.

Finally, British Rail has re-ceived £7.2m—repayable in 12 years and bearing 8.45 per cent interest—which will cover about half the cost of special high-speed train depots

#### Philip Harris looks to second-half rise

A disappointing half-year saw pre-tax profits of Philip Harris Holdings dup from £330,000 to £276,000, for the six months to September 30 although the dividend was held at 1.3p net. The board says that a high volume of orders has been received, but economic condipredecessors thought in the sixtions both at home and over-seas have combined to give a decline in the average order value

#### Baraoora jumps as dividends resumed

A return to the dividend list for the first time since 1970 crowns a year which brought shares of Baraoora Tea Holdings up from 10p last January to 105p yesterday. News of the group's proposed 10p dividend sent the shares up a further 50 to leave them at 110p.

The group's market popular-

ity is based on the decision of the Bangladesh authorities to allow the repatriation of more of the group's profits.

BANQUE FRANCAISE
Banque Francaise du Commerce
Exterieure (BFCE), plans to issue
DMI50m Eurobond led by Dresdner Bank next Monday. Deutsche
Bank will manage DMI50m on
Jan 6 and Westdeutsche Landesbank should lead a DMZ00m loan
for Denmark three days later. CHIEFTAIN-BROADMOUNT

To allow directors of Second Broadmount Trust time to consider fully Chieftain Trust offer, Chieftain has extended period for acceptances to January 31. EUROFIMA ISSUE

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European Company for the fiaancing of railway rolling stock
(Eurorima) plans to issue a \$40m
10-year bond on January 12. Joint
lead managers will be Smith
Barney, Harris Upham and Credit
Suisse White Weld. Bonds will
carry annual compon of 81 per
cent and will be issued at par. CABLE & WIRELESS

Group has made \$7.52 a share cash bender offer for all outstanding common stock of Carterphone Communications Corp. Bid made through US Cable & Wireless, Delaware Inc. JUGOBANKA LOAN

A \$25m six-year loan for Jugo-banka has been arranged by Grindlay Brandts with selected group of banks, managed by Grindlay Brandts, managed by Grindlay Brandts, Daiwa Europe NV, Manufacturers Hanover and Saitama Bank.

# A 'small surplus' now in sight at Wilkins & Mitchell

By Tony May

A return to profits at
Wilkins & Mitchell is definitely in sight. The first six months of the year is much the hardest time for this machine tool and

Servis washing-machine maker, enable the g and with turnover dipping from small surplus. for the half year to October 1 in the increased interns around increased from £508,000 to end of 0.38p gross compared with 0.15p a year ago.

Over the whole of last year managed to cut its £20.7m to £20.3m, pre-tax losses the start of the year that the second half would be the time

Mr Guy Neely has become financial director and secretary of Wheatsheaf Distribution and Trading in place of Mr V. G. Williams, who continues as deputy chairman.

On the same conditions. The proceeds will be passed on to the Mcrahumbrian Water Now the board says that the work done in the power press division and in the Servis dom-

degree of confidence. Given reasonable market conditions in the domestic appliance division for the rest of the year the year-end results from the United Kingdom operations should enable the group to show a This confidence is reflected

the group managed to cut its losses from £1.64m to £521,000. The United Kingdom side made a profit of £191,000 but this was

from the Australian offshoot. Water Scheme.

British Steel Corporation has been granted two loans totalling although not showing itself in an after reorganizing its structure and management Mr Henry stage, gives cause for a greater Wilkins, chairman, was able to

assure shareholders in his annual report that losses had . been stemmed. Action taken included the extension of the range of products suited to the Wilkins Servis nationwide sales and service organization, coupled with the sale and lease back of a factory to the South Australian Government.

Difficulties were expected to persist over the first six months of this year but Mr Wilkins felt confident that the new management team would "perform a first-class job in this recovery

ance division was ready for any upturn in the economy, while tinuing to make headway in the teeth of some fierce international competition.

# The Mid Kent **Water Company**

"Continued Expansion and Development"

reports Mr. A. W. White, the Chairman.

The Annual General Meeting of The Mid Kent Water Company was held at the principal office of the Company, High Street, Snodland, Kent, an Thursday 29th December, 1977. The following is the Chairman's Statement for the year ended 30th September, 1977.

By comparison with the previous year, 1977 was an uneventful one in regard to water It would have been unwise of me, a year

ago, to have predicted that the heavy rainfall, which had occurred from September onwards. would continue, but, in the event, the rainfall for the first three months of this year was also above average and we approached the Summer with near average groundwater table condi-tions. As we will all recall the Summer was confined to a few fine weeks and the overall demand for water did not reach the high levels attained in 1976.

Industrial use was also less than anticipated, due probably to a combination of circum-stances, including the continuance of water saving measures introduced the previous summer, changes in marketing methods, particularly foods (in the widest sense) and the increasing costs of both supplying water and disposing of the effluent.

Consumption of water for domestic purposes, however, was maintained and from the figures available it appears that this company is still developing more rapidly than any other company or Water Authority division in the country. Even so, per capita consumption of water for domestic purposes is well below the average, which, I believe, is an indication of the effectiveness of our waste detection. arrangements, which have been applied vigorously and indeed further extended. We arc, therefore, having to make the best possible use of the now limited local groundwater resources and during the year we have constructed trial boreholes into the Chalk and Lower Greensands at four new sites.

The laying of the new trunk main from Chilbam to Ashford is nearing completion and this will ensure adequate supplies for this steadily expanding township with its varying industrial activities for a period up to the early 1990's: We have commenced work on a new

treatment works adjacent to the pumped storage reservoir at Bewl Bridge, which will be used to supply water to rural communities in the western part of the Weald of Kent. The joint promotion of the new Broad Oak Reservoir with the Southern Water Authority, is proceeding satisfactorily but slowly and we have had to apply for a temporary increase in the abstraction licences for several existing pumping stations (which will lapse on the commissioning of this scheme) so as not to jeopardise the future water supplies to the City of Canterbury and the surrounding area.

The reliability of supplies has been increased by the construction of a new covered service reservoir at Charing Hill and new Laboratories have been built adjacent to our Head Office at Snodland, so as to provide the proper facilities for ensuring the highest possible standards of purity

One of the effects of this continuing and expanding capital works programme is the need to raise substantial sums of new capital annually. It is encouraging to note the recent drop in both interest rates and the rate of inflation, but, even so, the level of capital expenditure necessary to comply with our statutory obligations to meet the still steadily rising demand for water is such that further increases in water rates and charges are

However, every effort is being made to contain operating costs and I am pleased to report a reduction in staff, despite the increasing work load.

The possibility of the further reorganisation of the Water Industry has featured in my last two statements and although the threat to the

continued existence of companies by nationalisation has not been removed completely, the Government's latest White Paper indicates that such proposals will not be proceeded with at the present time. This declaration is, I believe, good for this industry and the country as a whole and the directors and staff will be able to continue to play their part with the Water Authorities and the National Water Council, or its successor, in maintaining and improving upon the standard of service, which has no equal anywhere in the world.

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# Eigineering exports still in lecline

By Edard Townsend
Express by Britain's engineering industries continue to
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6 Ec. y consumption dropped ing to Energy Trends,
7 was a 3.5 per cent rise g August to October. imprion increased 6.6 per 8, and fron September to vember gas output was 7.3 r. cent higher than a year

Deep-mined coal output ropped by a million tons from September to November, but this was largely offset by a 0.7 million tons rise in opencast production.

Deliveries of almost all ager who will be seeking our grades of oil tose between new marketing opportunities, planning new investment,

# Lord Robens urges independent energy commission to avoid 'debacle of 1960s'

Strong criticism of the Government and the Civil Service for the energy "debacle of the sixties" and the costly damage which resulted from ignoring to National Coal Board warnings about the power of the Organ-ization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has come from Lord

The former chairman of the coal board for 10 years from 1961 calls for an independent energy commission, and gives a further warning of the danger of repeating past mistakes.

Lord Robens's observations are contained in his review of a book by Dr Israel Berkovitch, Coal on the Switchback (George

By Stephen Goodwin

In recommendations made to the Government, the Business Equipment Trade Association is opposing proposals that manu-

facturers should be strictly liable for personal injuries caused by defects in their products, irrespective of fault or limit of time in which the pro-

duct has been used.

Justead, the association favours shifting the burden of proof and introducing a "presumption of fault on the part of

year of the manager" comes from Sir Derek Ezra, chairman

of the British Institute of Management Council, in his

or the billion Management Council, in his new year message to the BIM's 57,000 individual members and

12,000 member organizations.
Sir Derek says: "If we are to achieve industrial growth

and reduce the high level of unemployment it is the man-ager who will be seeking our

Allen and Unwin, £7). He ad- "consists of all the people who mits that while it has not been will be thinking exactly as their his policy to comment on the predection industry since he left it, ties". coal industry since he left it, writing the review enables him to "lift the lid a little further".

He stresses: "The only way in which this country will ever have an energy policy that makes sense will be to set up a make sense will be to se

sumption of fault on the part of literally every kind of manuthe producer where one of his products causes injury".

Next month the Department bas been neavy.

'Year of the manager' call

A call to make 1978 "the questioning the current utiliza-ear of the manager" comes tion of resources and, above all,

ing is really just as unclear as it was in the 1960s" and he dismisses the National Energy Conference held in mid-1976, as "a bit of political window-dressing and of no advantage whatsoever to planning an energy policy for the country". "Each energy industry is fundamentally concerned with

its own future—not the collec-tive advantage", he points out. vants were producing their own plan to reduce output to 80 mil-The new Energy Commission

rish Law Commission on product liability and a draft EEC directive on the same issue.

Comments have to be in by the end of year, but it is likely to be a considerable time before any government proposits.

any government proposals emerge—probably in the form of a Green Paper.

Product liability affects

seeking that improved perform

ance which is essential to achieving export success and

wealth creation."

For too long, he says, the

profession of management has been neglected and even

spurned. " This will no longer

be possible. Industrial success

will largely depend on whether

we can develop a nation of good

million tons of coal a year was the objective while Civil Ser-Product liability issue worries BETA

of Prices and Consumer Protection will begin considering Kingdom industry with an representations on a report by the Law Commission and Scot-sigh Law Commission turers or sole concessionaires of all types of business machines, computers and office

Lord Robens says that in the 1960s Mr Frederick Lee, then

Minister of Fuel and Power, was giving an assurance that 200

furniture. Mr Richard Harington, direc-Mr Richard Harington, director-general of the association, acknowledges that there is a case for doing something more to protect the consumer, and cites the Thalidomide affair as an example. "These proposals are intended to deal with that sort of situation, but we feel they are going too far."

# Docks Board to buy Hull group

British Transport Docks
Board is to buy the Huil
Superintending and Tallying
Company, which provides
specialist checking services
for cargoes through the port.
Subject to formal agreement
the takener will be effective
from January 1.
Huil and Humber Cargo
Handling Co, the tallying com-

Handling Co, the tallying com-pany's wholly-owned subsidiary, is the largest employer of labour at Hull port

## NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

#### To Holders of

# International Standard Electric Corporation 81/4% Sinking Fund Debentures, Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Indenture dated as of February 1, 1971, between International Standard Electric Corporation and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustec, (the "Indenture") \$4,500,000 principal amount of International Standard Electric Corporation 8 4 % Sinking Fund Debentures due 1986 (the "Debentures") have been called for redemption on February 1, 1978 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund at 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of 81/4% per annum to the Redemption Date. Pursuant to section 3.03 of the Indenture, the Trustee has selected for redemption on February 1, 1978 the following Debentures, to wit:

On February 1, 1978 the Debentures designated above will become due and payable and are required to be presented and surrendered for redemption and payment on or after said date at any of the following places of payment:

CITIBANK, N. A. 111 Wall Street New York, N.Y. U.S.A. Algemene Bank Nederland N.V. Amsterdam, Netherlands Credito Italiano Milan, Italy Banque de Bruxellea S.A.

Banque Generale do Luxembourg Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, London, England Banque Nationale de Paris S. A

The Debentures must be accompanied by all interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after February 1, 1978. Interest on the Debentures so called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after February 1, 1978, and the interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after said date shall be void.

International Standard Electric Corporation

Dated December 30, 1977

by Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustee

# Brentnall on prowl for London broker

By Alison Mitchell

Shrewsbury-based, insurance to the insuring side, now brokers Brenthall Beard (Holdings) is likely to be treading tinent and this should show a simple structure recording to the takeover trail in the current

rear.
Following a 36 per cent Following a 36 per cent increase in the 12 months to September 30 last, which saw profits top the film mark for the first time, the group is hoping to expand the service side of the business. Its managing director, Mr Stanley Elsbury disclosed yesterday that Brenthall is interested in buying a London broker specializing in the international field. Although the group does not have any specific company in mind, the cost is not likely to exceed the f4m capitalization of Brenthall.

group has no other spending commitments

in the current year.
Yesterday the shares climbed
2p to 58p on the back of a
better profits performance. In
the last financial year the group
improved profits from £740,000
to £1m, pre-tax, on turnover up
from £3.9m to £5m.

from £3.9m to £5m.

Associated companies chipped in with a more than doubled contribution of £106,000, against a previous £50,000.

Much of the impetus came from abroad. Mr Brenmall Beard, chairman, reports that recent concentration on overseas diversification accounts for the substantial increase in turnthe substantial increase in turn-

over.

Despite difficult trading conditions in Canada the group has been able to expand and strengthen operations there. And further growth is expected in the current period.

Small firms

# get room at the top

74.28.2 14.29.

On January 16 the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry is launching its small firms group. The Chamber has 8,000 member firms—and of these 6,000 have fewer than 250 employees. This makes it one of the biggest small firms organizations in the United Kingdom. It is setting up the new group to enable small companies to meet regularly to discuss mutual problems and opportunities.

One of its activities will be the fostering of the growing contribution being made by major companies, which are extending help and advice to small and medium-sized com-panies.

The first meeting on January 16 will concentrate on the tax problems of small companies and members of the Chamber taxation committees will deal taxation committees will deal-with the firm's queries. The Chamber's own report on the subject, which has been pre-pared for submission to the Lever Inquiry, will be pub-lished next week. The next meeting, on Feb-ruary 17, will be on the sub-ject of the ECGD, and on

ject of the ECGD, and on March 9 Mr Robert Cryer, Minister for Small Firms, will speaker.

significant upturn, according to Mr Elsbury.

The Sweden and Far East off-shoots also improved their contributions. In the United Kingdom the insurance and insurance brok-ing business has also been steadily improving performance.

Elsewhere, the Lloyd's under-writing agency Rose, Thomson, Young, had a good year, the chairman reports.

Generally, the aviation account, in which Brentnall has been specializing for two or three years, forged ahead in the

three years, forged areas in the period.

Because the group does not have a large marine account it has been able to develop the aviation side and as this is now growing world-wide, the division has been expanding.

Insuring margins, particularly for genoulane, bulls, are still

for aeroplane hulls, are still very thin but premiums are going up and the brokerage on this, coupled with an improving market share, should ensure a further upturn from this side in

the current year.

Since the end of the accounting period, growth has continued at Brenmall. However, the managing director does not expect last time's 36 per cent profits increase being carried on the ones of the continuent the year. on throughout the year.

Because the group converts overseas brokerage fees into overseas brokerage tees into sterling as they come in, the current strength of the pound against the Canadian dollar could hit first half results.

# Profit down but Hensher presses on

By Michael Clark

In by far from comfortable going for the furniture industry,
Mr Arthur Hensher, who heads
Hensher (Furniture Trades), reasonable outcome in the prevailing circumstances. This however falls short of Hensher's best £606,000 achieved as far back as 1973.

In the meantime while cur-rent trading is still not buoyant. there are signs of improvement which should eventually be of benefit to the group.

Elsewhere, the auditors in qualifying the accounts, refer to an amount in the balance sheet due from subsidiary George Hensher, which has gone into liquidation following substantial trading losses, valued E150,000.

As it is not possible to value the debt until the receiver has completed the r zation of the assets of company, they say, and fact that a creditor has taken action seeking to set aside the holding company's debenture, the group is unable to assess whether the debt is fairly

In a quiet market the group's share remained unchanged

# Renault planning to buy out lorry minorities

Usines Renault will offer to buy the small minority of shares in the heavy vehicle companies Berliet and Saviem it does not already own, Renault sources

said.

Renault now holds 98.7 per cent of Berliet, and 99.1 per cent of Savien. The companies will be merged under the name of "Renauk Vehicules Indus

triels" (RVI) from January 1. The Renault offer is expected to be around 110 francs for a Saviem share and 250 francs a share for Berliet. The last quoted Bourse prices were 62 francs and 17250 francs, respectively.—Reuter.

Standard Newspapers Melbourne.—David Syme will increase to \$A2 a share from \$A1.50 its proposed offer for Standard Newspapers. Herald and Weekly Times said last week that it will offer three of its 50 cent par shares for four 50 cent Standard Newspapers shares to holders of the 1.74m shares to holders of the 1.24m Standard shares it does not already own. Its holding is 488,000 shares or 28.3 per cent of Standard's capital. Herald charges are controlled to the controlled to

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\$A2.45, valuing its bid for Standard at \$A1.84 a share.— Reutet ...

Dividendless Beghin Paris.—Despite a marked recovery, after two difficity years, Beguin-Say lost money he 1977. And it will not payadividend for the third year running, Mr Jean-Marc Veris, president, told Agence Economique et Financiere (AGE).

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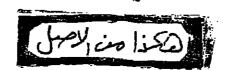
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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

# Bolivia is demanding higher price for tin

Bolivia says it will insist on demanding that the International Tin Council (ITC) sets higher prices for the metal when both producing and consuming countries meet in London next month.

The meeting is to discuss whether to revise current prices or to postpone a price rise.

"We intend to ask for a substantial improvement in both floor and ceiting prices", a government spokesman said. The world's second largest producer, Bolivia leads the group of nations, demanding higher prices, arguing that this the

group of nations, demanding higher prices, arguing that this might be the only way to encourage investments to fill the current gap between supply and demand.

Current ITC, prices set the floor at \$3.62 a pound and the ceiling at \$4.53. The scale has proved impracticable because of the gap which has boosted the prices up to an average of the prices up to an average of \$5.50 a pound in recent weeks. The TIC meeting is scheduled to starr on January 12.—AP-Dow Jones.

# it down Hudson's Bay puts copper price rise into effect

Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting company says that its previously announced increase in the price for full-plate electrolytic copper cathode sold in Canada became effective yesterday.

The new price of 69-125 cents a pound is the Canadian dellar equivalent of the United States price of 63 cents a pound. The previous Canadian price was 64.5 cents in Canadian funds the equivalent of 60 cents in the United States. Hudson's Bay Mining does not sell copper in America. America.
The company said last week

that it had advised the Anti-Inflation Board that it was planning the price boost.

Bank Base

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Some 780 issues gained while about 615 deckined. Volume totalled 28,610,008 shares

Brokers said the stock market decided to emphasize the positive aspects of Aresident Carter's appointment of Mr G. William Miller, chairman of Textron to replace De Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve. The business community generally approved the appointment and Mr Miller vowed to pursue Dr Burns's light against inflation.

Brokers attributed carty soking to initial unectainty about Mr Miller and a decline of the Miller and a decline of the dollar on foreign exchange in reaction to his appointment.

Analysis said the market was also assisted in gaining today by the report yesterday of a sharp decline to \$2,080m from a record \$3,100m in the previous month.

Silver gains 4.20c.

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Commodities...

#### Foreign Exchange

Another broad advance by the pound yesterdoy largely reflected further weakness in the dollar. The closing rate was 1.9100, up 1; cents on the previous day's 1.8950 after an early peak of 1.9275.

Sterling's currency basket level was finally 65.2 (after 65.4 initially), which compares with an overnight of 64.6.

Business remained very thin, and spreads were widened, reflecting a continued reluctance to trade until more normal conditions return in the new year.

General disappointment in financial circles over President Carter's decision not to reappoint the experienced Dr Arthur Burns as Fed chairman, and some apprehension about his successor's likely policies, led to renewed selling pressure on the dollar Gold closed at \$166.125 an ounce in London, up \$1.5 an ounce.

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Solution Sales: 2,046 lots included in 18 options Sales: 3,046 lots included in 18 options Included Inc

Discount market

Money conditions on Lombard
Street were very tight throughout yesterday, a stable shortage of day-to-day credit had been anticinated by the covernment Broker on Wednesday.

**Forward Levels** 

day-to-day credit had been anticipated, but the situation was made slightly worse by some quite heavy calling by one clearer.

However, the Bank of England was required to give only small assistance, which was channelled via overnight lending to three or four houses at MLR 7 per cent for purely technical reasons.

Underlying factors indicated the need for more help, and this was clearly shown by imerbank money which climbed to about 11 per cent towards the firish. In the secured market, closing balances were taken between 61 and 7 per tent.

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**Spot Position** of Sterling

**Money Market** Rates

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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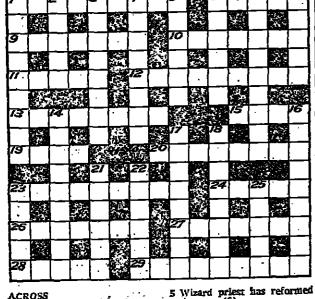
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